

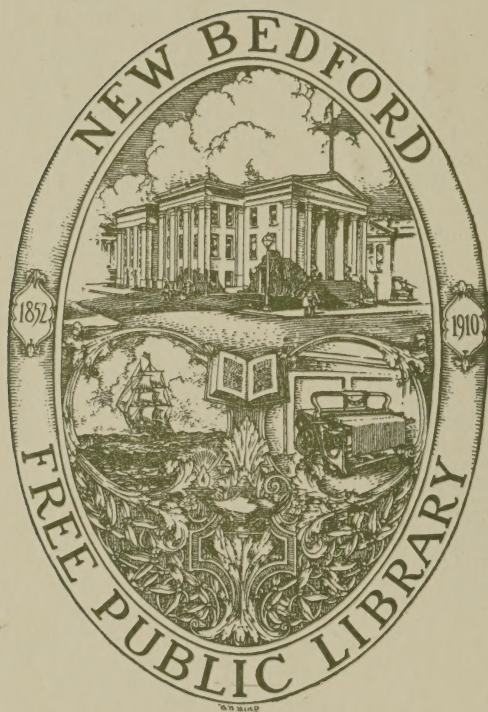
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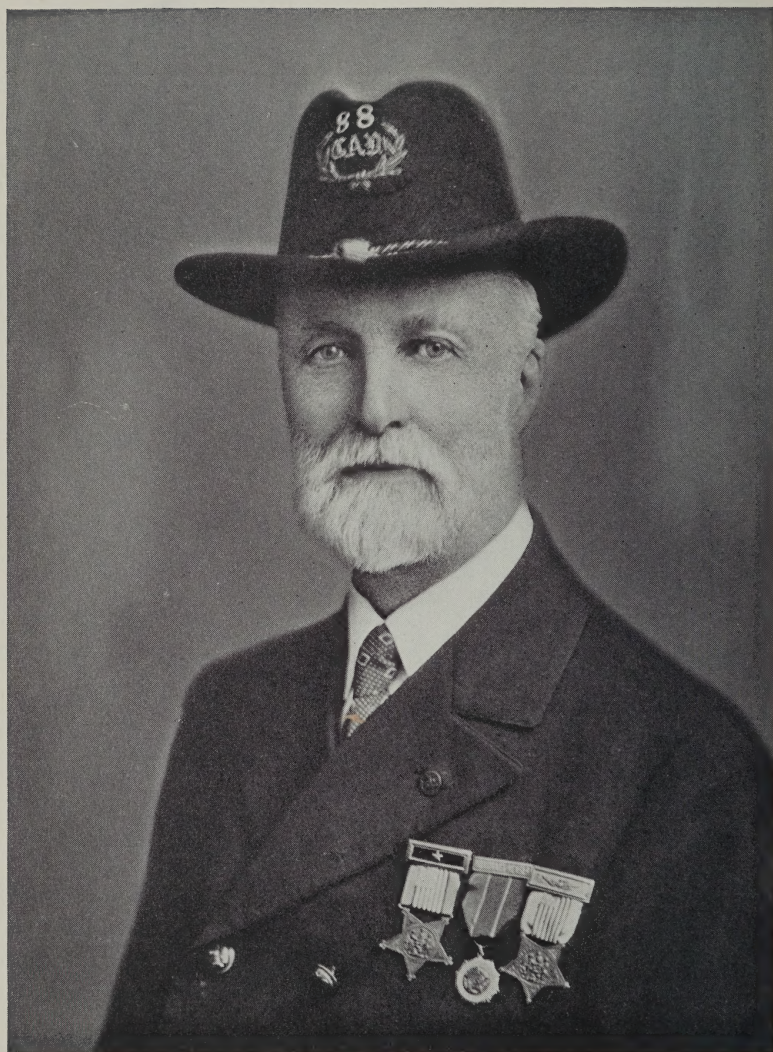
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Department Commander  
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# Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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ADDRESS OF  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FREDERICK H. BISHOP  
AND  
REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS



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OF THE  
Sixty-Eighth Annual Encampment  
Department of Massachusetts  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, MASS., April 10, 1934.

Pursuant to General Orders from Department Headquarters about sixty-seven comrades gathered to carry out the details and functions of the Sixty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts.

Pursuant to the action of the Council of Administration at their meeting, Comrade Green of Post 200 officiated as Officer of the Day.

At 10.30 A.M. the Assistant Adjutant-General, Comrade Waldo Turner, opened the exercises by presenting Commander Frederick H. Bishop, the officers of the Department, and the official staff, who were formally escorted to the platform under the guidance of the Officer of the Day, the comrades present standing at "attention" during their entrance.

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, this is the Sixty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic. Officer of the Day, are all present members of the Grand Army?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."

Commander Bishop: "Are the officers present and in their proper places?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, we have met again to carry on the work of the Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic, with diminished numbers but with all enthusiasm, the love of country and desire to perform the duties imposed upon us faithfully and as well as our ability will allow.

"Comrade Robinson, will you invoke the Divine Blessing?"

Comrade Robinson:

"Dear Lord, for food and drink and peace

And all that makes our day so fair,

And for the evening's sweet release

From duty and its round of care

Once more we turn to Thee above

Acknowledging Thy boundless love.

Be with us through our work, we pray,

And make our little circle strong;

May none among us go astray.

Help us to choose the right from wrong.

Within these walls, however tried,

May love and friendliness abide.

Dear Lord, in every blossoming tree,

In every bloom our garden knows

Thy marvelous handiwork we see,

Thy love we find in every rose.

Lord, may the service which is ours

Reflect Thy glory as the flowers. Amen."

(All rose during the invocation.)

Commander Bishop: "The next order of business is calling the list of officers."



**ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT**

[Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk (\*) were present.]

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

|                              |   |   |   |   |   |                      |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------|
| <i>Commander</i>             | . | . | . | . | . | *FREDERICK H. BISHOP |
| <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i> | . | . | . | . | . | DAVID KING, Deceased |
| <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i> | . | . | . | . | . | *GEORGE A. GAY       |
| <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i> | . | . | . | . | . | VACANT               |
| <i>Medical Director</i>      | . | . | . | . | . | *JOHN GILBERT, M. D. |
| <i>Chaplain</i>              | . | . | . | . | . | REV. WILLIAM M. MICK |

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

\*HENRI BATCHELDER

\*PRINCE A. PHINNEY

\*LEONARD BOYD

\*GEORGE W. GREEN

\*JAMES S. MITCHELL

**OFFICIAL STAFF**

|  |   |   |   |   |   |                         |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>      | . | . | . | . | . | *WALDO TURNER           |
| <i>Assistant Quartermaster-General</i> | . | . | . | . | . | *WALDO TURNER           |
| <i>Judge Advocate</i>                  | . | . | . | . | . | *DUDLEY L. PAGE         |
| <i>Inspector</i>                       | . | . | . | . | . | *SAMUEL SNOW            |
| <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>         | . | . | . | . | . | JOHN J. RYDER, Deceased |
| <i>Patriotic Instructor</i>            | . | . | . | . | . | *ALBERT A. NICKERSON    |
| <i>Chief of Staff</i>                  | . | . | . | . | . | *JOSEPH F. STODDARD     |
| <i>Department Secretary</i>            | . | . | . | . | . | *HELEN A. PHINNEY       |

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS**

JOHN D. BILLINGS, Deceased

\*EDWIN J. FOSTER

ALFRED H. KNOWLES, Deceased

\*JAMES H. WEBB

HORACE GOODWIN

\*WALDO TURNER

HENRY A. MONK, Deceased

\*EDWIN H. LINCOLN

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "The roll has been called and I find all present as noted."

**POSTS****Wm. Logan Rodman Post 1, New Bedford**

Commander, Nahum F. Nickelson

Members present, 0

**Dahlgren Post 2, South Boston**

Commander, \*George L. Hall

Members present, 0

**William H. Bartlett Post 3, Taunton**

Commander, Edward F. Gilroy

Members present, 0

**U. S. Grant Post 4, Melrose**

Commander, \*Charles L. Robinson

Members present, 1

**General Lander Post 5, Lynn**

Commander, \*William F. Dodge

Members present, 2

**Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, Boston**  
Commander, Patrick H. Brown  
Members present, 0

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**E. W. Pierce Post 8, Middleborough**  
Commander, Edward E. Place  
Members present, 0

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**George H. Ward Post 10, Worcester**  
Commander, Robert E. Gibson  
Members present, 2

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**Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Charlestown**  
Commander, \*Joseph F. Stoddard  
Members present, 1

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**Horace M. Warren Post 12, Wakefield**  
Commander, Benjamin I. Day  
Members present, 0

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**Fletcher Webster Post 13, Brockton**  
Commander, Walter Bunker  
Members present, 0

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**John A. Andrew Post 15, Boston**  
Commander, \*William H. Eldridge  
Members present, 1

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**E. K. Wilcox Post 16, Springfield**  
Commander, Charles B. Burt  
Members present, 0

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**General Sedgwick Post 17, Orange**  
Commander, \*Edward Baker  
Members present, 0

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**Edwin V. Sumner Post 19, Fitchburg**  
Commander, George C. Jewett  
Members present, 0

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**Frederick Hecker Post 21, Boston**  
Commander, \*Henry Bornstein  
Members present, 0



**Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, Milford**  
Commander, Herbert Parkhurst  
Members present, 0

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**Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26, Roxbury**  
Commander, \*William H. Emery  
Members present, 1

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**F. P. H. Rogers Post 29, Waltham**  
Commander, Samuel E. Clark  
Members present, 0

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**Wm. H. Smart Post 30, Cambridge**  
Commander, Charles McHugh  
Members present, 1

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**Burbank Post 33, Woburn**  
Commander, W. C. C. Colgate  
Members present, 0

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**Phil H. Sheridan Post 34, Salem**  
Commander, Milton Coffin  
Members present, 0

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**Theodore Winthrop Post 35, Chelsea**  
Commander, \*Albert A. Nickerson  
Members present, 0

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**Needham Post 39, Lawrence**  
Commander, George W. Towne  
Members present, 0

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**Gen. H. G. Berry Post 40, Malden**  
Commander, Oscar C. Wallace  
Members present, 0

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**Lyon Post 41, Westfield**  
Commander, Charles Wait  
Members present, 1

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**B. F. Butler Post 42, Lowell**  
Commander, \*Dudley L. Page  
Members present, 0

**John A. Rawlins Post 43, Marlborough**  
Commander, Stillman P. Wood  
Members present, 0

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**Colonel Allen Post 45, Gloucester**  
Commander, William H. Marston  
Members present, 0

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**Richard Borden Post 46, Fall River**  
Commander, \*John Gilbert  
Members present, 0

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**Major How Post 47, Haverhill**  
Commander, \*Ezra G. Bly  
Members present, 1

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**George L. Boutwell Post 48, Ayer**  
Commander, \*Hiram S. Clark  
Members present, 1

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**A. W. Bartlett Post 49, Newburyport**  
Commander, \*Charles F. Peel  
Members present, 0

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**Charles H. Stevens Post 53, Leominster**  
Commander, \*Charles F. Staples  
Members present, 0

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**Charles Beck Post 56, Cambridge**  
Commander, \*Francis J. O'Reilly  
Members present, 0

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**Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth**  
Commander, Henry B. Vogel  
Members present, 1

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**Franklin Post 60, Franklin**  
Commander, Albert Newell  
Members present, 0

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**Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster**  
Commander, Elias B. Wakefield  
Members present, 0



**Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville**  
Commander, William M. Mick  
Members present, 2

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**Gen. Wadsworth Post 63, Natick**  
Commander, \*George B. Howe  
Members present, 0

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**Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester**  
Commander, Wallace Kenney  
Members present, 1

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**George A. Custer Post 70, Milbury**  
Commander, Henry A. White  
Members present, 0

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**A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton**  
Commander, \*Charles A. Miles  
Members present, 0

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**McPherson Post 73, Abington**  
Commander, \*John F. Hatch  
Members present, 0

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**Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland**  
Commander, Willard A. Gurney  
Members present, 0

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**J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham**  
Commander, George E. Kenson  
Members present, 0

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**Collingwood Post 76, Plymouth**  
Commander, \*George A. Burgess  
Members present, 0

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**Theron E. Hall Post 77, Holden**  
Commander, Charles E. Farrar  
Members present, 0

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**David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman**  
Commander, John Lane  
Members present, 0

**Charles D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams**  
Commander, John Mitchell  
Members present, 0

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**Arthur C. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough**  
Commander, Harris C. Warren  
Members present, 0

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**Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown**  
Commander, Nelson Hill  
Members present, 0

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**John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead**  
Commander, \*Samuel Snow  
Members present, 1

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**W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton**  
Commander, William R. Bardwell  
Members present, 0

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**Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy**  
Commander, \*Frederick H. Bishop  
Members present, 2

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**J. H. Chipman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly**  
Commander, \*Joseph F. Foster  
Members present, 2

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**Ward Post 90, Danvers**  
Commander, \*A. A. Rackliff  
Members present, 0

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**Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton**  
Commander, \*James A. Sawyer  
Members present, 0

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**Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls**  
Commander, Amariah Chandler  
Members present, 0

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**Gen. E. Hincks Post 95, Saugus**  
Commander, Joseph Newhall  
Members present, 0



**Huntington F. Walcott Post 102, Milton**  
Commander, James Byrnes  
Members present, 0

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**Erricson Post 109, East Templeton**  
Commander, \*Hiram Crowell  
Members present, 0

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**Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph**  
Commander, \*Hiram S. Faunce  
Members present, 0

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**D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell**  
Commander, Alfred B. Litchfield  
Members present, 0

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**D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner**  
Commander, Charles C. Merritt  
Members present, 0.

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**Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield**  
Commander, \*Julius A. Fitts  
Members present, 0

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**George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington**  
Commander, William B. Foster  
Members present, 0

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**James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell**  
Commander, George A. Chase  
Members present, 0

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**Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park**  
Commander, Robert L. Frampton  
Members present, 2

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**E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury**  
Commander, Samuel True  
Members present, 0

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**W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield**  
Commander, \*Edwin H. Lincoln  
Members present, 1

**Gen. J. Appleton Post 128, Ipswich**  
Commander, Charles W. Bradstreet  
Members present, 0

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**James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway**  
Commander, Elmer L. Videtto  
Members present, 0

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**Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston**  
Commander, \*William Jackson  
Members present, 0

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**Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton**  
Commander, George L. Towne  
Members present, 0

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**Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Somerville**  
Commander, Dennis M. Dailey  
Members present, 0

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**H. V. Smith Post 140, Athol**  
Commander, A. L. Jillson  
Members present, 0

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**C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline**  
Commander, \*Prince A. Phinney  
Members present, 1

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**Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham**  
Commander, \*John E. Bronson  
Members present, 0

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**Wm. A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro**  
Commander, \*Charles D. Kinney  
Members present, 2

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**Gen. Lawton Post 146, Lawrence**  
Commander, John A. Brackett  
Members present, 0

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**Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchenden**  
Commander, Henry F. Partridge  
Members present, 0



**James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett**  
Commander, \*George A. Parsons  
Members present, 1

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**F. A. Clary Post 164, Conway**  
Commander, George A. Hassell  
Members present, 0

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**Wm. Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury**  
Commander, Albert M. Goulding  
Members present, 0

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**M. Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge**  
Commander, \*W. H. King  
Members present, 0

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**John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield**  
Commander, \*Lewis A. Lauriat  
Members present, 0

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**J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge**  
Commander, Jeremiah J. Shepard  
Members present, 0

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**Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield**  
Commander, Allen Newton  
Members present, 0

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**Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre**  
Commander, George L. Chapman  
Members present, 0

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**Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell**  
Commander, \*Albert I. Gilman  
Members present, 0

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**R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford**  
Commander, \*George N. Alden  
Members present, 0

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**Gettysburg Post 191, Boston**  
Commander, William J. Hargraves  
Members present, 0

**P. M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough**  
 Commander, B. Frank Bronson  
 Members present, 0

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**Thomas A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell**  
 Commander, Otis A. Merrill  
 Members present, 1

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**Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain**  
 Commander, \*George W. Green  
 Members present, 3

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**Thomas Gardner Post 207, Nantucket**  
 Commander, James H. Wood  
 Members present, 0

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Commander Bishop: "The next business in order will be the report of the Committee on Credentials, but as there are some of those members who are not present, we will have that report later on.

"The next business is the report of the Commander for the current year."  
 (For further proceedings, see page 30.)

#### ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FREDERICK H. BISHOP

COMRADES: —

The past year has been a very interesting one for me while serving as your Commander and I desire to express my appreciation of the honor you conferred on me. The thinning of the ranks and the physical condition of the remaining comrades has to a great extent unavoidably increased the work, but this has had as a recompense the hearty co-operation of our Allied Organizations.

#### MEMBERSHIP

At the close of 1933 the records showed a membership of 433 in place of 566 for the preceding year. Eight Posts have surrendered their Charters and there are now 19 Posts with only one member. It is my belief that the Post Charters should be held as it gives the surviving member a status and dignity that does not pertain to a comrade-at-large.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

This is the one day in the year which is held sacred to the memory of those who were the "Boys in Blue" but now rest from their labors. The order issued by General Logan creating Memorial Day has now been adopted not only by Military Organizations as a whole but by the public in general and has extended far beyond the borders of this country — even to our Sons and their comrades who lie in cemeteries in other lands.

Our visits to the Public Schools just prior to Memorial Day are of great value to the graduating classes and it is hoped that this practice will be maintained in the future by the other Military Organizations.

It has been my duty and my pleasure the past year to take part in Patriotic Addresses to nearly 3,000 high school pupils.

#### IN MEMORIAM

"Taps have sounded," calling the soul of Past Department Commander John D. Billings on August 29, 1933, to his eternal rest. Comrade Billings served in the



Tenth Massachusetts Light Battery from September 9, 1862, to June 9, 1865. He was a member of Post 94, Canton, afterwards joined Post 186, Cambridge. Was elected Department Commander in 1884. Was a forceful, virile officer in the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. He was highly honored and respected as a teacher in our public schools, and was a beacon light in all civic affairs.

*"The memory of the just is blessed."*

Past Department Commander Alfred H. Knowles passed to his reward December 17, 1933. Comrade Knowles enlisted October 9, 1861, in Company F, 24th Massachusetts Infantry. He was transferred to 54th U. S. Colored Troops. Commissioned Second Lieutenant October 7, 1863, and First Lieutenant on February 4, 1864. Was discharged February 21, 1865, for disability, by reason of wounds received. His hearty, ingenuous nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Henry A. Monk, Past Department Commander, died on March 9, 1934, at his home in South Braintree, Mass. Comrade Monk enlisted July 31, 1862, in Co. E, 35 Mass. Infantry. Served as Department Commander in 1927. Comrade Monk was a man of sterling worth, and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Again "Taps" have sounded. Department Senior Vice-Commander David King died February 3, 1934. Comrade King served in the Navy, on the "Sacramento," "Circassian," "Cambridge," "Victoria," "Malvern," and "Niagara." He served for several years as the Commodore of the Kearsarge Naval Association. We shall meet but we shall miss him.

Chief Mustering Officer John J. Ryder died at the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, March 2, 1934. Comrade Ryder enlisted July 21, 1862, in Co. I, 33 Mass. Infantry, was promoted to Corporal January 1, 1864. Wounded June 22, 1864, Kenesaw Mt., Ga. Mustered out June 11, 1865. He was the last comrade in Barnstable County. A lovable comrade and a true patriot.

Let us stand for a moment in silent reverence to the memory of these comrades and the others that have passed on during the year 1933.

(Comrades stood for a moment in silent reverence.)

#### COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

During the year I have attended meetings in seven Counties and I regard these Associations of great value resulting from the interchange of views by the comrades from different Posts in the County and from visiting comrades from other sections.

#### GREYLOCK WAR MEMORIAL

The dedicatory exercises were held at the memorial on June 30, 1933, and by invitation I attended as representing the Grand Army of the Republic.

This memorial located on the summit of Greylock mountain is built of Quincy granite, is 100 feet high, 42 feet diameter at the base, and 16 feet at the crown.

The beacon light at the top can be seen at a distance of 70 miles and visitors can from the summit of the mountain look into four States.

Comrade James H. Webb during his year of service as Department Commander was appointed as a member of the Commission by Governor Allen.

I should like to interpolate here that if any of the members can at any time make arrangements to go to the top of that mountain, and see not only that beautiful monument, but the wonderful view of the major portion of New England, it would be well worth their while. It is a wonderful action taken by the State of Massachusetts in memory of the Grand Army, and I hope you will all have the opportunity of going there.

#### NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The Encampment for 1933 was held at St. Paul, Minnesota, and considering the distance to be traveled there was a very good attendance from this State.

We were well cared for there and enjoyed everything including the parade where we had twelve men in line "properly equipped."

The principal work of the Encampment was the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Past Department Commander Edwin H. Lincoln as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

At a meeting of the National Council of Administration, I offered the suggestion that we hold the Annual Encampment in 1935 at Washington, D. C., that being the 70th anniversary of the Grand Parade of the Union Army, as I believed that the effect would be far reaching historically.

On our return trip we stopped over at Chicago and visiting the Exposition were given the privilege of entering the Administration Building and were there favored with a fine explanation of the construction and ornamentation of the council room of the Administration.

On the trips to and from the Encampment we were well cared for by Colpitt's Tourist Co., reached home without mishap.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

As our Auxiliary has given us hearty and loyal support, who have been untiring in their work for Grand Army of the Republic during the entire period of their existence.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

This loyal Organization composed of relatives of Civil War Veterans have been ready at all times and in all ways to assist us.

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

This Organization has not been merely a name for record, but have proved themselves true daughters in looking after our comfort whenever opportunity offered.

"For their works do follow them" is emphasized by the action taken by our daughters and grand-daughters by organizing to carry on the patriotic work to the third and possibly the fourth generation.

#### SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The Sons of Veterans have shown their interest along practical lines and have put themselves in position to assist us especially with reference to many duties incident to the National Encampment.

#### AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

This Organization has been ready and willing to at all times co-operate in looking after the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### VETERANS OF ALL WARS

As a matter of fact I have found each and every Military Organization and their Auxiliaries ready to assist us in all ways.

#### GOVERNOR JOHN A. ANDREW HOME

This Home in Newtonville is well situated and equipped for the care of aged veterans and their widows, but in my judgment is dependent in too large a degree upon monetary support.

To put the carrying on of this Home upon a sound basis some means should be devised for a permanent fund to be devoted to this very desirable purpose.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME, CHELSEA

During the past year the facilities of the Home have been materially increased by the erection of a building for the exclusive use of the nurses and a new brick building erected in place of a portion of the old wooden one, thereby increasing the capacity of the Home.

An appropriation was made by the State Legislature to cover these improvements and it is much to the credit of the officers of the Home that they completed the work within the appropriation.

On November 16, 1933, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Home was celebrated in the new hall just completed which was filled to full capacity. Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin H. Foster presided and delivered a fine address with reference to the founding of the Home and its development.

As showing the change in membership it is noted that there are now in the Home 586 veterans, and that 8 of these are members of the G. A. R.

#### NATIONAL COMMANDERY

At the last meeting in St. Paul, Past Commander Edwin H. Lincoln was elected to the office of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

In the month of January, 1934, the office of Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief became vacant by the death of Thomas H. Peacock and Comrade Lincoln in accordance with custom was advanced to that office.

It devolved upon me as Department Commander to administer to him the obligation of his office.

It is noted as an unusual happening that at the same place and hour, I obligated Comrade George A. Gay as Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

We have been very fortunate in having Assistant Adjutant-General Waldo Turner continue in that office during the year, as his experience in conducting the business of the Department in addition to his wide acquaintance among the comrades has been of great value.

The passing on of Senior Vice-Commander David King advanced Junior Vice-Commander George A. Gay to that position, which he is filling acceptably for the short period prior to the Annual Encampment.

The office of Junior Vice-Commander remains vacant during the interval.

The responsibility of keeping the practical work of the Department in proper condition has rested upon the ability and the untiring devotion of our Headquarters Secretary, Mrs. Helen A. Phinney.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The work of carrying on the Headquarters has increased as the age and infirmities of the comrades transfers much of the work from the Posts to the Central Office.

I therefore recommend the following appropriations:

\$500 as salary for the Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

\$1,200 as salary for the Headquarters Secretary.

\$400 to defray expenses of the Department Commander incurred in carrying out the duties of his office and of the like expenses of such officers as he may detail for like service.

#### IN CONCLUSION

During my year of service I have had full co-operation from all and my mistakes have been overlooked as being based on lack of experience. I desire to record my thanks for the many courtesies extended to me.

FREDERICK H. BISHOP, *Department Commander*.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER

EVERETT, MASS., February 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

DEAR COMRADE:— In accordance with Department rules, I present my report as Department Senior Vice-Commander.

I had the honor to represent the Department on several occasions.

The first on April 26, at the 43d Anniversary of William B. Eaton Corps 126, W. R. C., at Memorial Hall, Revere.

On May 10 the anniversary of Willard Kinsley Corps 21, W. R. C., at Somerville.

On May 16 the James A. Perkins Corps 40, W. R. C., on their 49th anniversary.

On June 16th the Golden Anniversary of James A. Perkins Post 156, G. A. R.

I also attended the reception of Mrs. Cora H. Currie, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The funerals of Past Department Commanders John D. Billings and Alfred H. Knowles.



Served as color guard on the staff of the National Commander, at the National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Installed the officers of Post 7, Boston, Post 26, Roxbury, and Post 156, Everett.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

DAVID KING, *Department Senior Vice-Commander.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER

NASHUA, N. H., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

DEAR COMRADE: — In accordance with Department regulations I submit herewith my report as Department Junior Vice-Commander to date.

I had the honor with Commandant Parker of the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, of escorting the Commander-in-Chief William P. Wright, during our last Department Encampment.

Also was the escort of the Commander-in-Chief to Concord, N. H., on a visit to the New Hampshire Encampment and Allied Organizations.

Extended the greetings of the Massachusetts Department to them and was cordially received.

I attended the reception given to the Department Commander, Frederick H. Bishop, in Quincy.

I visited the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Dorchester, on two separate occasions and also attended the reception to Comrade Foster at Marlboro.

I visited the Middlesex County Association at Lowell in September.

On February 6, 1934, was advanced to the office of Senior Vice-Commander on account of the death of Senior Vice-Commander David King.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEORGE A. GAY, *Department Senior Vice-Commander.*

## REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR

FALL RIVER, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE: — Another year has rolled by and four of my comrades of Post 46 have passed on since my last report.

Owing to the state of my health, I have not been able to do as much as I would like to have done.

I have noted with deep regret the passing of comrades of the Department.

Whenever possible I have attended patriotic meetings and by my presence and speech endeavor to keep before my fellow citizens the principles and objects for which the Grand Army of the Republic stands, to instill in their hearts a love of country, love for the flag, and respect for all our comrades who wore the Union blue in 61-65, thereby making it possible for them to claim citizenship in this great united country of ours.

I extend my best wishes to my comrades.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

JOHN GILBERT, M. D., *Department Medical Director.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

NEWTON CENTRE, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE: — It is with a feeling of humility that I present my annual report as Department Chaplain of the Massachusetts G. A. R. for the third time.

Sixty-six Post Chaplains have sent in their reports of Memorial Day observance. These reports are a testimonial to the spirit of the boys of the G. A. R., which is not only undimmed by the march of time but shining ever brighter.

Examination of the reports shows much interesting information.

On Memorial Day Sunday practically every Post attended divine service and a sermon was preached to each one. Among the pastors officiating I find four G. A. R. Veterans, fourteen Sons and one Daughter of Union Veterans of the

Civil War, and one which I believe deserves special mention — a Son of a Veteran of the Confederacy. In all, one hundred and fifty-one G. A. R. Veterans attended services.

All of the Posts observed Memorial Day, one hundred eighty-seven comrades participating in the services. The Posts, Camps of Sons of Union Veterans, allied and other various organizations visited four hundred twenty-eight cemeteries, decorating a total of 28,626 graves.

In accordance with this year's reports, the total of unmarked graves is well over five hundred. It is gratifying to know that in several cases the Sons are making active efforts to take care of this situation.

One outstanding item reported was the fact that one Post attended to decorating a grave of a comrade in St. Cloud, Fla.

The thousands of school children who attend and participate in the exercises of the day attest to the interest and patriotism of the young generation. In many places, the Sons of the Union Veterans had entire charge of the program and demonstrated their ability to successfully carry on. The other organizations, in one case numbering fifteen, ably assisted in the proper observance of the day.

Speakers at Memorial Day exercises included G. A. R. Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans, World War Veterans, and in some cases public officials.

As we view the march of years since we fought shoulder to shoulder for the preservation of our Union, may the memories be a stimulus and incentive to dedicate our lives to service in God's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM M. MICK, *Department Chaplain.*

## REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL

BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1934.

FREDERICK H. BISHOP, *Department Commander:*

COMRADE:— I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending February 29, 1934. The following table shows the membership of the Department to December 31, 1933:

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Number of Posts  | 98       |
| Number of comrades in good standing, December 31, 1932 | 566      |
| Number gained from all sources                         | 25       |
| Aggregate  | 591      |
| Number of comrades lost by death                       | 132      |
| Number lost from all other sources                     | 26       |
| Total loss   | 158      |
| Number in good standing, December 31, 1933             | 433      |
| Amount reported expended in Relief                     | \$833 00 |

The following Posts, eight in number, have surrendered their charters during the year: Post 9, Hudson; Post 36, Arlington; Post 71, Holyoke; Post 87, South Braintree; Post 113, Boston; Post 160, West Brookfield; Post 189, Marshfield; Post 194, Reading.

Of the 98 Posts in good standing, 19 Posts have but 1 member each; while in the remaining 79 Posts the membership ranges from 2 to 23 members; Post 5 of Lynn and Posts 10 of Worcester each having 23 members. Total, 433.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED  
IN 1934

|                  | COUNTIES  | Members                 | Represent-<br>atives |   |
|------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|---|
| District No. 1   | { Barnstable . . . .<br>Bristol . . . .<br>Nantucket . . . .                    | { 1<br>30<br>3 }        | 34                   | 1 |
| District No. 2   | Plymouth . . . .  | 30                      |                      | 1 |
| District No. 3   | Norfolk . . . .   | 25                      |                      | 1 |
| District No. 4   | Suffolk . . . .   | 63                      |                      | 1 |
| District No. 5   | Essex . . . .   | 80                      |                      | 1 |
| District No. 6   | Middlesex . . . .   | 84                      |                      | 2 |
| District No. 7   | Worcester . . . .   | 49                      |                      | 1 |
| District No. 8   | { Hampden . . . .<br>Berkshire . . . .<br>Franklin . . . .<br>Hampshire . . . . | { 15<br>10<br>13<br>5 } | 43                   | 1 |
| Members-at-Large |   | 408                     |                      | 9 |
|                  |   | 25                      |                      | — |
|                  |   | 433                     |                      | 9 |

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail:  
TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES

| Number of Post | LOCATION                   | Number of Members | Number of Post | LOCATION                | Number of Members |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 203            | <i>Barnstable County</i>   |                   |                | <i>Essex County</i>     |                   |
|                | Bourne . . . .             | 1                 | 5              | Lynn . . . .            | 23                |
|                | Total (1 Post)             | 1                 | 34             | Salem . . . .           | 14                |
|                |                            |                   | 39             | Lawrence . . . .        | 4                 |
|                |                            |                   | 45             | Gloucester . . . .      | 2                 |
|                |                            |                   | 47             | Haverhill . . . .       | 3                 |
|                |                            |                   | 49             | Newburyport . . . .     | 7                 |
| 79             | <i>Berkshire County</i>    |                   | 82             | Marblehead . . . .      | 6                 |
| 125            | North Adams . . . .        | 5                 | 89             | Beverly . . . .         | 8                 |
|                | Pittsfield . . . .         | 5                 | 90             | Danvers . . . .         | 3                 |
|                | Total (2 Posts)            | 10                | 95             | Saugus . . . .          | 2                 |
|                |                            |                   | 122            | Amesbury . . . .        | 1                 |
|                |                            |                   | 128            | Ipswich . . . .         | 1                 |
|                |                            |                   | 146            | Lawrence . . . .        | 6                 |
|                | <i>Bristol County</i>      |                   |                | Total (13 Posts)        | 80                |
| 1              | New Bedford . . . .        | 3                 |                |                         |                   |
| 3              | Taunton . . . .            | 5                 |                | <i>Franklin County</i>  |                   |
| 46             | Fall River . . . .         | 4                 |                | Orange . . . .          | 5                 |
| 145            | Attleboro . . . .          | 9                 | 17             | Shelburne Falls . . . . | 1                 |
| 170            | Mansfield . . . .          | 1                 | 93             | Conway . . . .          | 2                 |
| 190            | New Bedford . . . .        | 6                 | 164            | Greenfield . . . .      | 5                 |
| 192            | North Attleborough . . . . | 2                 | 174            |                         |                   |
|                | Total (7 Posts)            | 30                |                | Total (4 Posts)         | 13                |



TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Concluded*

| Number of Post | LOCATION                | Number of Mem-<br>bers | Number of Post | LOCATION                | Number of Mem-<br>bers |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                | <i>Hampden County</i>   |                        |                | <i>Plymouth County</i>  |                        |
| 16             | Springfield . .         | 13                     | 8              | Middleborough . .       | 4                      |
| 41             | Westfield . .           | 2                      | 13             | Brockton . .            | 7                      |
|                | Total (2 Posts)         | 15                     | 73             | Abington . .            | 4                      |
|                |                         |                        | 74             | Rockland . .            | 2                      |
|                |                         |                        | 76             | Plymouth . .            | 3                      |
|                | <i>Hampshire County</i> |                        | 78             | Whitman . .             | 6                      |
| 86             | Northampton .           | 5                      | 112            | Norwell . .             | 3                      |
|                | Total (1 Post)          | 5                      | 165            | Duxbury . .             | 1                      |
|                |                         |                        |                | Total (8 Posts)         | 30                     |
|                | <i>Middlesex County</i> |                        |                |                         |                        |
| 4              | Melrose . .             | 3                      |                | <i>Suffolk County</i>   |                        |
| 12             | Wakefield . .           | 4                      |                | South Boston . .        | 5                      |
| 29             | Waltham . .             | 8                      |                | Boston . .              | 8                      |
| 30             | Cambridge . .           | 3                      |                | Charlestown . .         | 6                      |
| 33             | Woburn . .              | 1                      | 2              | Boston . .              | 8                      |
| 40             | Malden . .              | 5                      | 7              | Boston . .              | 1                      |
| 42             | Lowell . .              | 4                      | 11             | Roxbury . .             | 7                      |
| 43             | Marlborough .           | 2                      | 15             | Chelsea . .             | 4                      |
| 48             | Ayer . .                | 3                      | 21             | Dorchester . .          | 7                      |
| 56             | Cambridge . .           | 1                      | 26             | Brighton . .            | 1                      |
| 62             | Newtonville .           | 10                     | 35             | Hyde Park . .           | 5                      |
| 63             | Natick . .              | 2                      | 68             | Boston . .              | 4                      |
| 75             | Stoneham . .            | 6                      | 92             | Boston . .              | 1                      |
| 81             | Watertown . .           | 4                      | 121            | Jamaica Plain .         | 6                      |
| 119            | Lexington . .           | 2                      | 134            | Total (13 Posts)        | 63                     |
| 120            | Lowell . .              | 2                      | 191            |                         |                        |
| 138            | West Acton . .          | 2                      | 200            |                         |                        |
| 139            | Somerville . .          | 6                      |                |                         |                        |
| 156            | Everett . .             | 4                      |                |                         |                        |
| 185            | Lowell . .              | 10                     |                |                         |                        |
| 195            | East Pepperell .        | 2                      |                |                         |                        |
|                | Total (21 Posts)        | 84                     |                |                         |                        |
|                | <i>Nantucket County</i> |                        |                | <i>Worcester County</i> |                        |
| 207            | Nantucket . .           | 3                      | 10             | Worcester . .           | 23                     |
|                | Total (1 Post)          | 3                      | 19             | Fitchburg . .           | 1                      |
|                |                         |                        | 22             | Milford . .             | 2                      |
|                | <i>Norfolk County</i>   |                        | 53             | Leominster . .          | 4                      |
| 58             | East Weymouth .         | 4                      | 61             | Webster . .             | 2                      |
| 60             | Franklin . .            | 1                      | 70             | Millbury . .            | 2                      |
| 72             | Stoughton . .           | 3                      | 77             | Holden . .              | 1                      |
| 88             | Quincy . .              | 3                      | 80             | Westborough . .         | 1                      |
| 102            | Milton . .              | 1                      | 109            | East Templeton .        | 1                      |
| 110            | Randolph . .            | 2                      | 116            | Gardner . .             | 3                      |
| 117            | Medfield . .            | 2                      | 140            | Athol . .               | 1                      |
| 130            | West Medway . .         | 6                      | 153            | Winchendon . .          | 1                      |
| 143            | Brookline . .           | 2                      | 168            | Southbridge . .         | 2                      |
| 144            | Dedham . .              | 1                      | 173            | Sturbridge . .          | 3                      |
|                | Total (10 Posts)        | 25                     | 179            | Barre . .               | 2                      |
|                |                         |                        |                | Total (15 Posts)        | 49                     |

It has given me great pleasure and satisfaction to have served you in the activities of the office of Assistant Adjutant-General during the year just passed.

I also desire to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered the Department by Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, your Department Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1934.

FREDERICK H. BISHOP, *Department Commander:*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit my report of the transactions of the office during the past year. The following table which is supported by vouchers show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession:

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| Cash on hand March 1, 1933                        | \$2,672 73 |            |
| Interest on Invested Funds                        | 13 43      |            |
| Received from Sons of Union Veterans              | 800 00     |            |
| Received from Woman's Relief Corps                | 225 00     |            |
| Received from Daughters of Union Veterans         | 175 00     |            |
| Received from Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans | 50 00      |            |
| From Membership-at-Large                          | 6 00       |            |
| Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts       | 2,186 64   |            |
| From all other sources                            | 35 68      |            |
| Total receipts                                    |            | \$6,164 48 |

*Expense per month, 1933-1934*

|                               |        |            |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------|
| March                         | 43 30  |            |
| April                         | 340 04 |            |
| May                           | 196 08 |            |
| June                          | 353 19 |            |
| July                          | 214 04 |            |
| August                        | 176 14 |            |
| September                     | 547 65 |            |
| October                       | 189 16 |            |
| November                      | 171 22 |            |
| December                      | 165 26 |            |
| January                       | 180 21 |            |
| February                      | 158 68 |            |
| Total expenses                |        | \$2,734 97 |
| Balance on hand March 1, 1934 |        | \$3,429 51 |

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT

*Dr.*

|                        |         |         |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| On hand March 1, 1933  | \$74 63 |         |
| Bought during the year | 11 83   |         |
|                        |         | \$86 46 |

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|                       |         |         |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Sold during the year  | 15 96   |         |
| On hand March 1, 1934 | 70 34   |         |
|                       | \$86 30 |         |
| Profit and loss       | 16      | \$86 46 |

| ASSETS                                      |         |            |
|---|---------|------------|
| Provident Institution for Savings . . . . . | \$1,402 | 22         |
| Warren Institution for Savings . . . . .    | 1,225   | 02         |
| East Cambridge Savings Bank . . . . .       | 308     | 91         |
| First National Bank of Boston . . . . .     | 475     | 71         |
| Cash in safe . . . . .                      | 17      | 65         |
|   |         | <hr/>      |
|   |         | \$3,429 51 |
| Value of supplies . . . . .                 | 70      | 34         |
| Colors . . . . .                            | 200     | 00         |
| Office furniture . . . . .                  | 250     | 00         |
|   |         | <hr/>      |
|   |         | \$520 34   |

## LIABILITIES

None.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Quartermaster-General.*

## REPORT OF THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE

LOWELL, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE: — I am pleased to report that the conduct of the G. A. R. Veterans of the Civil War in Massachusetts has been such during the past year that no occasion has arisen for any official action on my part.

I appreciate the honor of being on the Staff of the Department Commander and hope to be able to discharge any duty assigned to me in the future.

Very truly yours in F., C. and L.,

DUDLEY F. PAGE, *Judge-Advocate.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

MARBLEHEAD, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE: — The duties of Inspector having become a sinecure, I have substituted social activities as follows.

Attended National Encampment at St. Paul, Minn., visited Essex County Associations, and have held myself in readiness to respond to any orders from Commander Bishop, to whom I desire to express my thanks for the honor of serving on his Staff.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

SAMUEL SNOW, *Department Inspector.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

CHELSEA, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to render the following report as Department Patriotic Instructor.

A great number of the Posts owing to the decrease in membership have no Patriotic Instructor.

I have received reports from thirteen Posts which are very brief. All reported loyalty to our Country and Flag, and are carrying on the work of our Beloved Order, with the assistance of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I wish to thank our Department Commander Frederick H. Bishop for the honor conferred upon me in appointment of Patriotic Instructor.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ALBERT A. NICKERSON, *Department Patriotic Instructor.*



## REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

STONEHAM, MASS., March 1, 1934.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit my report as Chief of Staff  
Have attended all Suffolk Associations, Washington-Lincoln Memorial  
Exercises at Faneuil Hall.

National Convention at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Also attended the funeral of Past Department Commander Alfred H. Knowles  
and assisted the Comrades of Post 75 at the funeral of one of their Comrades.

I desire to thank the Department Commander for the honor of my appointment.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JOSEPH F. STODDARD, *Chief of Staff*.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1934.

FREDERICK H. BISHOP, *Department Commander*:

COMRADE: — The first meeting of the Council of Administration was held  
May 2, 1933.

Meeting called at 2.15, Commander Bishop presiding.

Absent: Comrades Boyd, Batchelder, and Phinney.

A communication was read from the Daughters of Union Veterans, thanking  
the Council for favors received during the past year.

It was voted the Assistant Quartermaster-General be bonded in the sum of  
\$3,000 from May 1, 1933.

It was voted the next Annual Encampment be held in Faneuil Hall, April 10  
and 11, 1934.

Auditing Committee for the ensuing year were appointed: Henri Batchelder,  
Leonard Boyd, George W. Green.

No further business. Council adjourned at 2.45 P. M.

July 17, 1933.

Second meeting of the Council was held with all members present except Com-  
rade Phinney. Records of previous meeting read and approved.

It was voted to hold a banquet at the American House, following the Depart-  
ment Encampment, arrangements to be made later.

On motion of Department Senior Vice-Commander David King, it was voted to  
invite the Department Secretary, Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, to be the guest of the  
Department at the next Annual Encampment of the G. A. R., held at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, on September 17, 1933. It was a unanimous vote.

The Sons of Union Veterans announced they will hold a broadcast in honor of  
the G. A. R. in the near future. It was favorably received and the Commander  
with two others of his choice shall confer with them and arrange a program.

Other matters were discussed but no action of the Council taken.

Meeting closed at 3.35 P. M.

December 18, 1933.

The third meeting of the Council of Administration was held in Room 27,  
State House, on this date.

Comrades Bishop, Boyd, Batchelder, Gay, Green, and Turner were present.

Records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The matter of the discontinuance of yearly dues from the Members-at-Large  
was discussed with the result that a vote on the subject by the Council, that dues  
be omitted in the future, and all members notified.

Further matters of interest to the Department were discussed with no desired  
action.

February 6, 1934.

Fourth meeting of the Council was held in Headquarters on this date.

There were present Commander Bishop and Comrades Gay, Boyd, Batchelder,  
Green, Mitchell, and Turner.

The matter of the banquet was discussed and arrangements for same taken care of.

Following the meeting the oath of office was administered to Edwin H. Lincoln as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief and to George A. Gay as Department Senior Vice-Commander, by Frederick H. Bishop, Department Commander. Twelve G. A. R. Comrades also representatives of the Spanish American and World War Veterans were present to witness the ceremony.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General*.

## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

BOSTON, MASS., March 1, 1934.

FREDERICK H. BISHOP, *Department Commander*:

COMRADE: — The Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster-General and have found them correct, with vouchers for all charges made to February 28, 1934.

We have verified the cash and find the total amount on hand February 28, 1934, to be \$3,429.51.

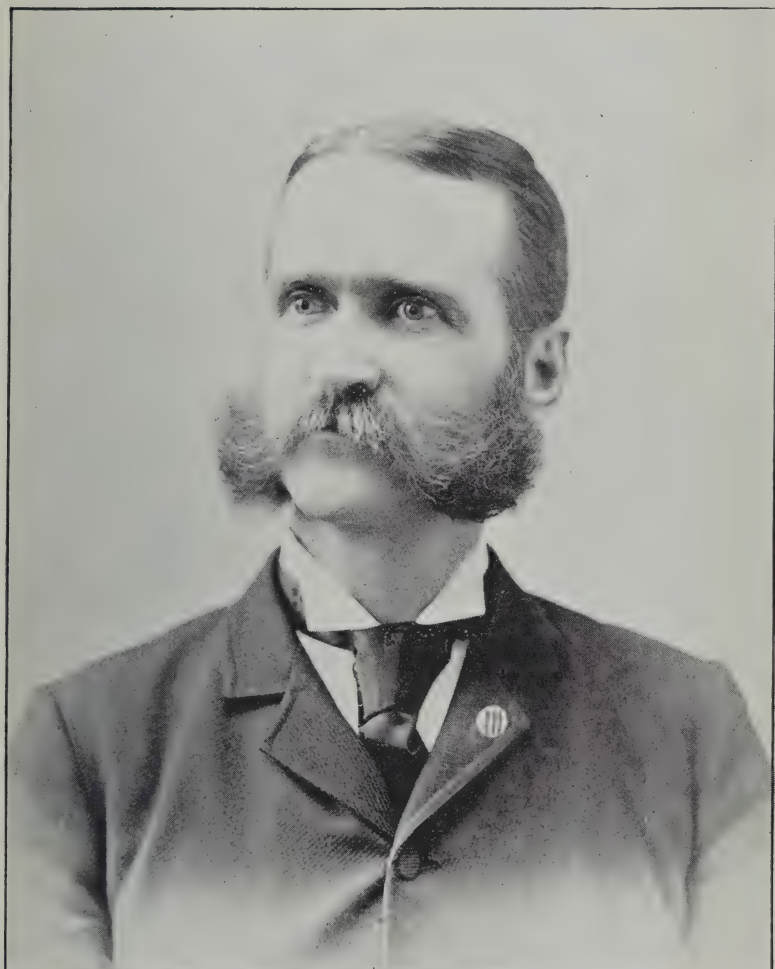
HENRI BATCHELDER,  
LEONARD BOYD,  
*Auditing Committee.*

## MUSTERED OUT

DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1933

| NAME                           | Date of Death | Rank     | Regiment or Ship               | Place of Birth        |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Post 1, New Bedford</i>     |               |          |                                |                       |
| John Shea . . . . .            | June 24       | Private  | Co. D, 57 Mass. Infantry       | Ireland               |
| <i>Post 3, Taunton</i>         |               |          |                                |                       |
| Henry E. Reed . . . . .        | May 21        | Private  | Co. D, 7 Mass. Infantry        | Dighton, Mass.        |
| John M. Perry . . . . .        | Sept. 6       | Private  | Co. I, 40 Mass. Infantry       | Mattapoisett, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 4, Melrose</i>         |               |          |                                |                       |
| Joshua Ford . . . . .          | Mar. 4        | Private  | Co. E, Unattached Me. Infantry | Sumner, Me.           |
| <i>Post 5, Lynn</i>            |               |          |                                |                       |
| Daniel N. Steingardt . . . . . | Apr. 3        | Private  | Co. C, 38 Mass. Infantry       | E. Bridgewater, Mass. |
| George H. Stackpole . . . . .  | Apr. 5        | Private  | Co. B, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery | Dover, N. H.          |
| George W. Noyes . . . . .      | May 9         | Private  | Co. E, 23 Me. Infantry         | Minot, Me.            |
| George C. Higgins . . . . .    | Aug. 15       | Private  | Co. D, 8 Mass. Infantry        | Orleans, Mass.        |
| <i>Post 7, Boston</i>          |               |          |                                |                       |
| Charles O. Newell . . . . .    | Jan. 8        | Sergeant | Co. H, 20 Mass. Infantry       | Maine                 |
| <i>Post 9, Hudson</i>          |               |          |                                |                       |
| Raymond Kennedy . . . . .      | May 12        | Private  | Co. K, 17 Mass. Infantry       | -                     |
| <i>Post 10, Worcester</i>      |               |          |                                |                       |
| William H. Adams . . . . .     | Jan. 16       | Private  | Co. G, 10 Mass. Infantry       | -                     |
| Charles Hoyle . . . . .        | July 16       | Private  | Co. G, 58 Mass. Infantry       | Sutton, Mass.         |
| George W. Herrick . . . . .    | Oct. 28       | Private  | Co. B, 8 N. H. Infantry        | Wilton, N. H.         |
| Charles R. Huntley . . . . .   | Sept. 1       | Private  | Co. G, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery | Windsor, Conn.        |
| Marcus H. Putman . . . . .     | Oct. 15       | Private  | Co. H, 21 Mass. Infantry       | Paxton, Mass.         |
| Charles F. Lamberton . . . . . | Nov. 18       | Private  | Co. D, 60 Mass. Infantry       | -                     |
| John H. Bolio . . . . .        | Dec. 23       | Private  | Co. F, 10 N. H. Infantry       | Vermont               |
| <i>Post 11, Charlestown</i>    |               |          |                                |                       |
| Alvin R. Bailey . . . . .      | Dec. 31       | Private  | Co. B, 5 Mass. Infantry        | -                     |
| <i>Post 12, Wakefield</i>      |               |          |                                |                       |
| John F. Shea . . . . .         | Aug. 23       | Musician | Band, 3 R. I. Heavy Artillery  | Ireland               |





JOHN D. BILLINGS  
Department Commander  
1884-1885  
Died August 29, 1933



|                             |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|--|----------------------------------|--|------------------|
| <i>Post 13, Brockton</i>    | July 29 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. C, 3 Mass. Infantry          |  | Fall River       |
| George A. Grant             | Oct. 5  | Landsman  |  |  |  | U. S. Navy                       |  | Dublin, Ireland  |
| John Fetherston             |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 15, Boston</i>      | May 28  | Landsman  |  |  |  | U. S. Navy                       |  | Nova Scotia      |
| John J. Sheehan             |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 16, Springfield</i> | Nov. 6  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. A, 1 Vt. Cavalry             |  |                  |
| Isidore A. Gaboury          |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 17, Orange</i>      | Nov. 5  | Corporal  |  |  |  | Co. E, 30 Me. Infantry           |  | Biddeford, Me.   |
| Phineas McIntire            |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 19, Fitchburg</i>   | Feb. 1  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. G, 16 N. H. Infantry         |  | Nelson, N. H.    |
| Albert A. Buxton            |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 22, Milford</i>     | Jan. 17 | —         |  |  |  | U. S. Signal Corps               |  | Andover, Vt.     |
| William J. Clarke           |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 26, Roxbury</i>     | Jan. 4  | Private   |  |  |  | { Co. E, 16 Vt. Volunteers       |  | Bartlett, N. H.  |
| John P. Woodis              |         |           |  |  |  | { Co. C, 7 Vt. Volunteers        |  |                  |
| Thomas Sullivan             | Apr. 12 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. E, 9 Mass. Infantry          |  | Kerry, Ireland   |
| Albert J. Foster            | July 22 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. K, 45 Mass. Infantry         |  | Roxbury, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 34, Salem</i>       | Mar. 13 | Private   |  |  |  | 2 Unattached                     |  | Salem, Mass.     |
| Charles W. J. J. J.         | June 10 | —         |  |  |  | U. S. Navy                       |  | Salem, Mass.     |
| Michael McDonough           |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 35, Chelsea</i>     | Oct. 28 | { Private |  |  |  | Co. E, 44 Mass. Infantry         |  | Roxbury, Mass.   |
| Charles F. Joy              |         | { Captain |  |  |  | Co. I, 54 Mass. Infantry         |  |                  |
| <i>Post 39, Lawrence</i>    | Apr. 11 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. K, 6 Mass. Infantry          |  | Mass.            |
| Thomas H. Donnelly          | June 26 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. F, 1 Mc. Infantry            |  | Maine            |
| Thomas P. Frost             | Oct. 31 | Private   |  |  |  | Machinist U. S. S. "Monongahela" |  | Mass.            |
| Joseph T. Waite             | Dec. 17 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. B, 27 Mass. Infantry         |  | Mass.            |
| Charles W. Stebbins         |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 41, Westfield</i>   | Mar. 2  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. B, 11 Mass. Infantry         |  | Woburn, Mass.    |
| Dana Kent                   |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 42, Lowell</i>      | Jan. 18 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. G, 33 Mass. Infantry         |  |                  |
| Elias Hannon                |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |
| <i>Post 43, Marlboro</i>    | Feb. 9  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. B, 24 Me. Infantry           |  | Warren, Me.      |
| John Boggs                  | Mar. 9  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. D, 6 Mass. Infantry          |  | Auburdale, Mass. |
| Charles F. Robinson         | May 29  | Private   |  |  |  | Co. K, 57 Mass. Infantry         |  | Methuen, Mass.   |
| Lafayette Sickney           | Mar. 22 | Private   |  |  |  | Co. I, 7 Vt. Infantry            |  | Vermont          |
| Joseph Reno                 |         |           |  |  |  |                                  |  |                  |



| NAME                        | Date of Death | Rank     | Regiment or Ship                       | Place of Birth     |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------|--|--------------------|
| <i>Post 46, Fall River</i>  |               |          |  |                    |
| Edward Hague                | Mar. 11       | Private  | 21 Unattached Co.                      | -                  |
| Michael O. Reagan           | May 28        | Private  | 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery                | -                  |
| Edward Palmer               | June 17       | Private  | 21 Unattached Co.                      | -                  |
| Patrick H. Sullivan         | June 23       | -        | U. S. Navy "Vermont" & "New Hampshire" | -                  |
| Wm. T. Freelove             | Dec. 1        | Private  | Record not complete                    | -                  |
| <i>Post 47, Haverhill</i>   |               |          |  |                    |
| Arthur N. Batchelder        | July 29       | Private  | Co. M, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery         | Haverhill, Mass.   |
| George G. Whitman           | Aug. 27       | Private  | Co. K, 5 Me. Infantry                  | Woodstock, Me.     |
| Charles O. Kelly            | Sept. 17      | Private  | Co. H, 18 N. H. Infantry               | Salem, N. H.       |
| <i>Post 49, Newburyport</i> |               |          |  |                    |
| John W. Leiber              | June 8        | Private  | Co. D, 9 N. H. Infantry                | Albany, N. Y.      |
| James W. Perkins            | Nov. 18       | Private  | Co. I, 60 Mass. Infantry               | Hampton, N. H.     |
| William E. Carleton         | Nov. 8        | Private  | Co. K, 3 Unattached Co.                | Salisbury, Mass.   |
| <i>Post 53, Leominster</i>  |               |          |  |                    |
| Charles G. Putney           | Feb. 18       | Private  | Co. E, 1 N. H. Heavy Artillery         | Sutton, N. H.      |
| <i>Post 58, Weymouth</i>    |               |          |  |                    |
| Bradford Hayes              | Feb. 21       | Private  | Co. K, 5 Mass. Cavalry                 | Weymouth, Mass.    |
| George Ruggles              | Mar. 7        | Private  | Co. A, 43 Mass. Infantry               | Weymouth, Mass.    |
| <i>Post 61, Webster</i>     |               |          |  |                    |
| Leonard E. Thayer           | Feb. 3        | Private  | Co. E, 15 Mass. Infantry               | Palmer, Mass.      |
| Henry C. Phillips           | Nov. 1        | Private  | Co. F, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery         | Mendon, Mass.      |
| <i>Post 62, Newton</i>      |               |          |  |                    |
| George M. Fiske             | Oct. 23       | Private  | Co. D, 42 Mass. Infantry               | Medfield, Mass.    |
| <i>Post 63, Natick</i>      |               |          |  |                    |
| John H. Colburn             | Feb. 5        | Private  | Co. D, 1 Conn. Heavy Artillery         | Union, Conn.       |
| Thomas W. Frost             | Apr. 10       | Private  | Co. I, 42 Mass. Infantry               | Dorchester, Mass.  |
| <i>Post 68, Dorchester</i>  |               |          |  |                    |
| Walter I. Frost             | Oct. 10       | Private  | Co. A, 62 Mass. Infantry               | Dorchester, Mass.  |
| Edwin C. Lockwood           | Dec. 19       | Private  | Co. E, 77 N. Y. Volunteers             | Saratoga, N. Y.    |
| <i>Post 70, Millbury</i>    |               |          |  |                    |
| Henry W. Davidson           | Nov. 2        | Corporal | Co. F, 10 Mass. Heavy Artillery        | W. Millbury, Mass. |
| <i>Post 71, Holyoke</i>     |               |          |  |                    |
| William H. Abbott           | Nov. 11       | Private  | Co. I, 29 Ohio Infantry                | No. Reading, Mass. |
| William Brown               | Nov. 17       | Private  | Co. A, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery         | England            |



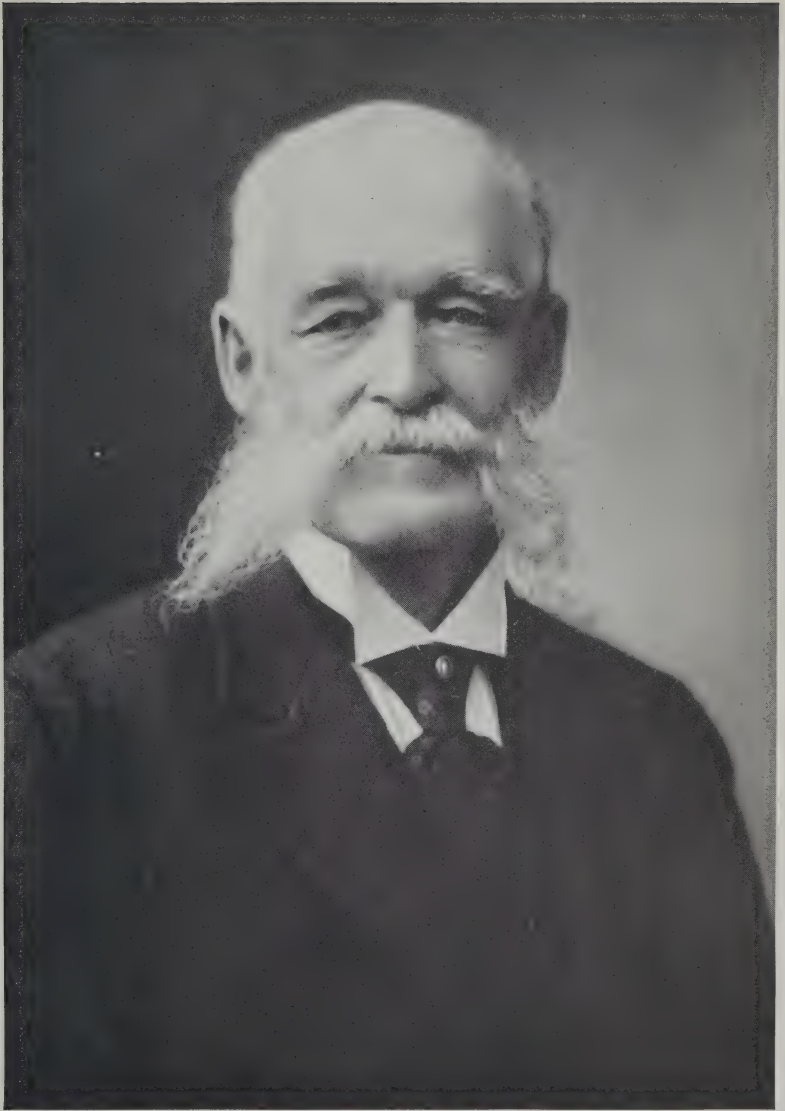
ALFRED H. KNOWLES  
Department Commander  
1915-1916  
Died December 17, 1933







| NAME  | Date of Death | Rank     | Regiment or Ship  | Place of Birth          |
|---|---------------|----------|---|-------------------------|
| <i>Post 98, Shelburne Falls</i><br>Wm. H. Smith . . . . .       | Feb. 16       | Private  | Co. K, 60 Mass. Infantry . . . . .  | Ashfield, Mass.         |
| <i>Post 102, Milton</i><br>Horace N. Plummer . . . . .          | Jan. 19       | Private  | Co. A, 62 Mass. Infantry . . . . .  | Maine                   |
| <i>Post 109, East Templeton</i><br>Charles W. Nichols . . . . . | Mar. 13       | Private  | Co. F, 34 Mass. Infantry . . . . .  | Halifax, Vt.            |
| <i>Post 110, Randolph</i><br>George C. Spear . . . . .          | Apr. 4        | Corporal | Co. D, 4 Mass. Infantry . . . . .   | Randolph, Mass.         |
| <i>Post 115, Boston</i><br>George W. States . . . . .           | June 11       | Private  | { Co. G, 1 U. S. Cavalry . . . . .<br>24 N. Y. Cavalry . . . . . }          | - - - - -               |
| <i>Post 116, Gardner</i><br>Edward P. Brown . . . . .           | June 13       | Private  | Co. I, 25 Mass. Infantry . . . . .  | Acworth, N. H.          |
| Hobart Raymond . . . . .  | Oct. 11       | Private  | Co. A, 15 Unattached . . . . .  | Westminster, Mass.      |
| <i>Post 120, Lowell</i><br>Edward Valrand . . . . .             | Oct. 1        | Private  | Co. D, 1 Maine Volunteers . . . . .   | Canada                  |
| <i>Post 121, Hyde Park</i><br>Alexis C. Dean . . . . .          | May 21        | Private  | Co. C, 22 Mass. Infantry . . . . .  | - - - - -               |
| Henry B. Terry . . . . .  | Nov. 22       | Private  | Co. F, 9 R. I. Infantry . . . . .   | - - - - -               |
| <i>Post 122, Amesbury</i><br>Charles E. Stone . . . . .         | Jan. 13       | Private  | Co. E, 1 Heavy Artillery . . . . .  | Thomaston, Me.          |
| <i>Post 125, Pittsfield</i><br>Charles E. Moulton . . . . .     | Feb. 20       | Private  | Co. B, 155 Ill. Infantry . . . . .  | Great Barrington, Mass. |
| Chas. I. Bruce . . . . .  | Oct. 14       | Private  | Co. D, 8 Mass. Infantry . . . . .   | Lynn, Mass.             |
| Asher Starkweather . . . . .                                    | Nov. 14       | Private  | Co. C, 46 Wis. Infantry . . . . .   | Worcester, N. Y.        |
| <i>Post 134, Boston</i><br>Louis Williams . . . . .             | May 23        | Private  | Co. E, 5 Mass. Infantry . . . . .   | - - - - -               |
| William Rich . . . . .  | -             | Landsman | U. S. S. Vermont . . . . .  | - - - - -               |
| <i>Post 138, West Acton</i><br>Waldo Chaplin . . . . .          | July 22       | Private  | Co. E, 6 Mass. Infantry . . . . .   | Acton, Mass.            |
| F. R. Knowlton . . . . .  | Sept. 17      | Private  | Co. M, 1 Me. Heavy Artillery . . . . .                                      | Swanville, Me.          |
| <i>Post 139, Somerville</i><br>Edwin F. Webber . . . . .        | July 25       | Private  | { Co. E, 6 Mass. Infantry . . . . .<br>Co. F, 44 Mass. Infantry . . . . . } | - - - - -               |
| <i>Post 140, Athol</i><br>James E. Sweetland . . . . .          | May 27        | Private  | Co. A, 1 Mass. Cavalry . . . . .  | Norton, Mass.           |



HENRY A. MONK  
Department Commander  
1927-1928  
Died March 9, 1934







## PROCEEDINGS OF ENCAMPMENT

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(Applause as Commander Bishop finishes the reading of the report.)

Senior Vice-Commander George A. Gay: "This report of the Department Commander, together with the accompanying documents, will be referred to the Committee on Commander's Address."

Commander Bishop: "It has come to my attention that there is in the hall the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the National Encampment. Will the Officer of the Day escort the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief to the platform?"

(All rise as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Lincoln advances to the front of the hall.)

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Lincoln: "Commander, I am privileged this morning to be here not as the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, but as a member of this Encampment, and I should like to take my seat with the other comrades."

Commander Bishop: "That being a personal request, we shall have to yield to you. You will probably find your seat more comfortable than those on the platform and you won't attract so much attention. We will allow you to be seated with the comrades if you choose."

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Lincoln: "I will announce that the Commander-in-Chief will be here about two o'clock this afternoon."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, I want to say that I asked for the privilege of announcing that the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief had come into the room when he entered, but he wouldn't permit me to do so. That is the reason he was not announced."

Commander Bishop: "We will put the responsibility upon his shoulders."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade Foster is present."

Commander Bishop: "You will escort the Past Commander-in-Chief to the platform?"

(All rise and applaud as Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster is escorted to the platform by the Officer of the Day.)

Commander Bishop: "Has the Assistant Adjutant-General any committees to report?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Waldo Turner: "Commander, I have the honor to report the committees as follows:

### COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

Leonard Boyd, Post 62; William Wormstead, Post 82; and Joseph F. Stoddard, Post 11.

### COMMITTEES ON RESOLUTIONS

Edwin J. Foster, Past Commander-in-Chief; James H. Webb, Past Department Commander; and George N. Alden, Post 190.

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Waldo Turner, Assistant Adjutant-General; James S. Mitchell, Post 121; and Helen A. Phinney, Secretary.

### COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

John E. Bronson, Post 144; George A. Parsons, Post 156; Theodore E. Clark, Post 143; Joseph Rossiter, Post 62; and Nahum Nickelson, Post 1.

### COMMITTEE ON DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

*District 1.* — Henri Batchelder, Chairman; James Gilroy, Post 3; Lewis A. Lauriet, Post 170; James H. Wood, Post 217.

*District 2.* — Edward E. Place, Post 8; John F. Hatch, Post 73; John Lane, Post 78.

*District 3.* — Charles A. Miles, Post 72; Hiram S. Faunce, Post 110; Julius A. Fitts, Post 117.

*District 4.* — Joseph S. Stoddard, Post 11; William H. Eldridge, Post 15; James A. Sawyer, Post 92.

*District 5.* — Thomas Corson, Post 5; Charles F. Peel, Post 49; A. A. Rackliff, Post 90.



*District 6.* — Charles L. Robinson, Post 4; Francis J. O'Reilly, Post 56; Otis Merrill, Post 195.

*District 7.* — Joseph Cleveland, Post 10; George C. Jewett, Post 19; Charles F. Staples, Post 53.

*District 8.* — Charles B. Burt, Post 16; Edward Baker, Post 17; Farnum E. Sawin, Post 125.

#### COMMITTEE ON GREETINGS TO ALLIED ORDERS

*Women's Relief Corps.* — James H. Webb, Past Department Commander; James A. Sawyer, Post 92; Hiram S. Faunce, Post 110.

*Ladies of the G. A. R.* — Edwin J. Foster, Past Commander-in-Chief; Leonard Boyd, Post 62; Albert A. Nickerson, Post 35.

*Daughters of the Union Veterans of Civil War.* — Waldo Turner, Assistant Adjutant-General; George W. Green, Post 200; Henri Batchelder, Post 156.

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.* — Nahum F. Nickelson, Post 1; I. B. Mowry, Post 52; Dudley L. Page, Post 42.

*Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary.* — Charles L. Robinson, Post 4; Joseph F. Stoddard, Post 11; Charles B. Burt, Post 16."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, those who have heard their names called, by coming to the desk, can receive a list so that there will be no question about the membership of each committee."

Comrade Batchelder: "Comrades, you have heard the names of the Committee on Delegates to the National Convention. There will be a meeting of that Committee immediately at the close of this session right over here in this corner of the hall, and I urge every comrade to be present, especially if you want to go."

Commander Bishop: "Are the chairmen of the other committees ready to notify the members of their committees the hour and place where they are to meet and consider these matters?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, we have with us a comrade from Connecticut who is also an officer of the National Encampment."

Commander Bishop: "We will be pleased to have you escort him to the platform."

Officer of the Day: "He is on the platform already."

Commander Bishop: "Well, the reason I asked that you escort him to the platform was that when I asked him to come to the platform he refused to come. (After a conference with Comrade Burrill.) Comrades, he wishes to wait until the Commander-in-Chief is here before he speaks. He may wait. However, I wish to introduce to you Comrade Henry W. Burrill, who is a member of the National Council of Administration, and I should like to have him stand up and be presented." (Applause as Comrade Burrill rises and is presented.)

Commander Bishop: "Officer of the Day, I understand that the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Maine, Comrade Nason, is in the hall. Will you escort him to the platform?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, I wanted to escort him to the platform, but he preferred to stay where he was."

Commander Bishop: "Our comrades are getting over modest. One of our comrades from the State of Maine is present, and we should be very glad to have him come to the platform, but he prefers to be democratic and remain with the comrades on the floor. We yield to his request."

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Commander, I have here a communication which I should like to read to the comrades."

Commander Bishop: "You may proceed to read it."

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Comrades, I have here a letter as follows:

"Mr. Waldo Turner, Assistant Adjutant-General, Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Manning, Department President, will be pleased to have all the Department Officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and other comrades attend the annual presentation of flags at the closing of our Department Convention Wednesday evening, April 11th. The gathering will be

held in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler, and as there will not be any printed invitations issued, will you kindly read this notice at your Council Meeting and at the Department Encampment. We will be pleased to welcome a large number of your comrades.

Sincerely yours,

F., C. and L.,

(Signed) MARY E. ELLIOT, *Department Secretary.*  
Woman's Relief Corps, 18 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass."

Commander Bishop: "Do all the comrades understand that request? Did you hear it, all of you? It is an invitation for tomorrow evening to visit the Hotel Statler where the Woman's Relief Corps annually present flags to public schools and other institutions entitled to receive them. It is a very interesting ceremony. I trust a great many of you, or all of you, will be able to accept the invitation and be there tomorrow evening about 7.30 in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

"I would like to express to the comrades present my appreciation of the fact that there are present here today sixty-seven members of the Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic. I think that is an excellent number to be returned out of the limited number that are left on the roster.

"Are there any further communications to be read now? If not we will proceed to the matter of election of officers for the ensuing year. The Chair now awaits a nomination for the office of Commander for the ensuing year."

Comrade Webb: "Are nominations to be made from the floor, Commander?"

Commander Bishop: "They always have been, haven't they?"

Comrade Webb: "And you are now ready for nominations?"

Commander Bishop: "Yes, nominations for office of Commander for the ensuing year."

Comrade Webb: "Mr. Commander and comrades, I am going to place in nomination for the office of Commander for the ensuing year a man who has earned his way. Inasmuch as we know he is living away from town, from the City of Boston, that makes it a little unusual and a little hard for him; but we have his promise that he will be here from the city where he lives whenever he is needed, or whenever the occasion requires. Now, Commander, at this time, instead of eulogizing the Grand Army of the Republic — we do not need to praise any of our men or place them up for view for the world to censure, because our men have all been tried. I shall bring his name before you without eulogy. Every man here is just as well able and just as competent, and should be, if he wanted it to be so, eligible to perform the duty of Commander, and therefore, without any more ado, I am going to place in nomination for the office of Commander for the next ensuing year, Comrade George A. Gay, our present Senior Vice-Commander." (Applause.)

Comrade Green: "I second the nomination of Comrade Gay."

Commander Bishop: "Are there any further nominations? If not, I will declare nomination closed."

Comrade Webb: "Commander, if there are no further nominations, I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant-General deposit one ballot for the election of Comrade George A. Gay as Commander during the ensuing year."

Commander Bishop: "All those in favor say Aye. Contrary minded? It is a vote. (Turning to Comrade Gay.) Allow me to congratulate you, Comrade. Comrades, by unanimous vote you have elected for Department Commander for the ensuing year, George A. Gay." (Applause.)

Comrade Gay: "Now, comrades, I want to say just one word. I am sure that I thank you very much for the confidence that you are placing in me, but I am going to say to you this, that I find myself in about the same condition and position as Mary and Martha did when they sat at the feet of our Lord and Saviour learning from him. Well now, I have been in this hall here a number of times, and witnessed many of these meetings, and yet I believe that we all need instruction, and I am not going to feel resigned to make you think that I would make you an extraordinary Commander, because I know that although I may not sit at the feet of Mrs. Phinney, I know that I have to learn a lot from her. And I think I am very fortunate, as we all are, that we have such a Secretary who knows all the ins and



outs of the workings of the Grand Army of the Republic. I don't care how much education you have. If you haven't been in the Army, you don't know the answer. You have got to learn from those who do know it, and I know that she does know it.

"Comrades, I shall never do anything that will cast any reflection upon the Grand Army of the Republic, but as far as within me lies, I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Nominations for Senior Vice-Commander are now in order."

Comrade Mowry: "Commander, I nominate for the office of Senior Vice-Commander, Comrade George W. Green, Post 200."

Comrade Webb: "I second that nomination, Comrade Green."

Comrade Lincoln: "I want to nominate Comrade Leonard Boyd of Newton."

Comrade Boyd: "I won't accept that nomination."

Comrade Lincoln: "What's the matter, Boyd? All right. I withdraw the nomination."

Comrade Page: "I second the nomination of Comrade Green. He will make us a good Vice-Commander."

Comrade Lincoln: "If Comrade Boyd declines the nomination, I want to place in nomination a gentleman sitting beside me, and every one of you knows Charlie Robinson of the Melrose Post. The Melrose Post has never had a Department officer."

Comrade Boyd: "I second the nomination of Comrade Robinson."

Commander Bishop: "Are there any further nominations? If not, we will proceed to ballot."

Comrade Webb: "Commander, will you please announce the nominations? I don't think we all heard good enough down here on the floor to know for whom we are voting."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Green of Post 200, and Comrade Robinson of Post 4. These are the two men who are nominated. Will those two men please stand up? You know, they are pretty well known to you."

Comrade Lincoln: "Here is Comrade Robinson, from Melrose Post."

Comrade Robinson: "Yes, and we have never had a Department officer since we have been in existence as a post, and we have had many members."

Commander Bishop: "This is the nomination and election for Senior Vice-Commander, you know, comrades."

Comrade Webb: "Commander, will you appoint a committee to sort and count the ballots and also to collect them?"

Commander Bishop: "Have all prepared their ballots? Comrade Dudley Page, Post 42, and Comrade James Sawyer of Post 92 will act as tellers to collect the ballots."

Comrade Lincoln: "I will settle this without a ballot. Comrade Robinson withdraws his name from the nomination."

Commander Bishop: "He is withdrawing his name from nomination after the ballots have been distributed?"

Comrade Lincoln: "The ballots haven't been cast. He can withdraw any time before the ballots are cast. You can't withdraw after they are cast. I will tell you frankly, he prefers to run for Junior Vice-Commander. I think he would like that better than Senior Vice-Commander. That solves all the difficulty that exists at the present time."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, you heard the action of Comrade Robinson in withdrawing his name from nomination for the office of Senior Vice-Commander. It seems that he prefers to have you nominate him for another office. Now you may nominate anyone else you wish for the office of Senior Vice-Commander in place of Comrade Robinson."

"If there are no other nominations, and if Comrade Green is the only nominee, —"

Comrade Robinson: "I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant-General shall cast one vote for Comrade Green for the office of Senior Vice-Commander"

Comrade Fitts: "I second that motion."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, you have heard the motion which is that the Assistant Adjutant-General shall cast one vote for Comrade Green for the office of Senior Vice-Commander of this Department. All those in favor please say Aye. Those opposed? It is a vote.

"Comrades, you have elected Comrade Green as your Senior Vice-Commander. I repeat, by your vote you have elected George W. Green as Senior Vice-Commander. Comrade Green, have you anything to say?"

Comrade Green: "Comrades, I want to thank you for this nomination which you have imposed upon me, and I can assure you that I will do all that I possibly can to serve you and serve the Grand Army of the Republic the best I know how. I certainly thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me and the confidence you place in me." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Nominations are now in order for the office of Junior Vice-Commander."

Comrade Lincoln: "I nominate the gentleman on my left, who has been one of our finest comrades in this organization, Charles L. Robinson of Melrose. He is not only a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, but he is also a member of the 5th Regiment Veterans Association, the finest Veterans Association there is in Massachusetts." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Is the nomination seconded?"

Comrade Webb: "Comrades, I don't want to run this election through talking so much, but I want to say this, I don't know whether anybody has seconded the comrade's nomination yet, but I do know that we have no better man in the Grand Army of the Republic to fill the position of Junior Vice-Commander than Comrade Robinson, and I second the nomination."

Commander Bishop: "If there is no other nomination, I declare the nominations closed."

Comrade Green: "Commander, it gives me great pleasure at this time to present a name for Junior Vice-Commander who I think would serve this Department in good fashion, and I have the great pleasure and privilege to nominate Comrade Mitchell of Post 121, of Hyde Park."

Comrade Mitchell: "I appreciate the compliment Comrade Green pays to me, but I prefer that you should vote for Comrade Robinson, so I am not a candidate for this office."

Commander Bishop: "Are there any further nominations? If not, I shall declare the nominations closed. Are you prepared to ballot?"

Comrade Lincoln: "Is he the second candidate?"

Commander Bishop: "There is only one candidate."

Comrade Lincoln: "Then I move you that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one vote for Comrade Robinson for the office of Junior Vice-Commander of this Department."

Comrade Page: "I second that motion."

Commander Bishop: "The motion having been made and seconded that the Assistant Adjutant-General cast one vote for Comrade Robinson for the office of Junior Vice-Commander, and there being no objection to this procedure, I shall direct him to do so."

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Comrades, I have cast one vote for Comrade Robinson as Junior Vice-Commander of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, by unanimous vote you have elected Charles L. Robinson of Melrose, for Junior Vice-Commander of this Department for the ensuing year."

Comrade Robinson: "Commander and comrades, I shall endeavor to serve you faithfully in this office. I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for over sixty-five years, and as I have told you before, my Post has never had an officer in this Department. I will do my best to serve you faithfully and honestly. I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, the next on the list of offices to be filled is the position of Medical Director. Comrade John Gilbert, of Post 46, has held that position during the past year. Nominations are now in order."



Comrade James H. Webb: "I move you, sir, that we continue in office our Medical Director who has served you for many years, Comrade Gilbert of Fall River."

Comrade Mitchell: "Commander, I place in nomination the name of Comrade Dudley Page."

Comrade Page: "I would rather continue in the present office that I have. I do not care to be a candidate for this office, thank you."

(A comrade seconds the nomination of Comrade Gilbert.)

Commander Bishop: "Are there any further nominations? It is in order, then, to vote for Comrade John Gilbert. If someone will make a motion now, we can dispense with balloting by taking a voice vote on it."

Comrade Lincoln: "I move you that we elect the Medical Director by a 'Yea' and 'Nay' vote. That will settle it."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Lincoln moves that we elect by a voice vote Comrade Gilbert as Medical Director."

(A comrade seconds the motion.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, you have heard the nomination of Comrade John Gilbert to the office of Medical Director for the ensuing year. All those in favor will please say Aye. Those opposed? It is a vote, and you have elected by your vote Comrade Gilbert as Medical Director for the ensuing year."

"The next office, comrades, is that of Chaplain. The present Chaplain has been very ill for the past two years, and unable to undertake any active work to fill the duties of his office. Nominations are now in order for Chaplain for the ensuing year."

Comrade Green: "Commander, it gives me great pleasure to present for this office the name of Comrade Nickerson."

Comrade Nickerson: "Commander, I must decline to serve in this office. I am not a candidate."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, this is a very honorable position and there ought to be men enough here in this organization to act in that capacity. The duties are not large, but it is desirable to have someone who will be at the opening and closing of our regular sessions, and I hope that someone will volunteer, or that we can go through the list of names until we find someone who will act as Chaplain. Nominations are still in order."

Comrade Page: "I don't know the name of the man who offered the prayer here this morning, but I would nominate him and I think he would make a very good Chaplain."

Comrade Lincoln: "He has already been elected to the office of Junior Vice-Commander, but I think he would also make a very good Chaplain. I don't see any objection to his holding the two offices. They would not conflict at all. I have heard him deliver a prayer many times and it is always good. He could do it, I couldn't."

Commander Bishop: "One of the most honorable positions in the Grand Army is that of Chaplain. The services of Chaplain, if he acts in every command, are multitudinous, but as the matter stands today the duties are not onerous. I hope someone can be found here who will be willing to take that office."

Comrade Turner: "It gives me pleasure to offer the name of Comrade James S. Mitchell of Post 121, Hyde Park. Comrade Mitchell has been coming to these conventions for a great many years, and I think he would make an admirable Chaplain. I would like to place his name in nomination."

Comrade James H. Webb: "I would like to second that nomination."

Commander Bishop: "Are there any other nominations? If not, we shall declare the nominations closed and it is in order to vote."

Comrade Turner: "I move you that I be allowed to deposit one vote for Comrade James S. Mitchell for the office of Chaplain of this Department for the ensuing year."

Comrade Page: "I second that motion."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, you have heard the motion, which is that Comrade Turner be permitted to deposit one ballot for Comrade James S. Mitchell for the office of Chaplain for the ensuing year for this Department. All those in favor will please say Aye. Those opposed? It is a vote, and by your vote you





one clause of that address, which was that the work of the Headquarters is becoming greater and greater. You might think as the Posts grow less and the rest of us grow fewer there would be less to do; but you know we did not graduate from college in 1865, and we therefore put more work on the Headquarters than we did when we had young men or men who were younger in years who could do the work and could make out their returns as they should be presented, and I wish to emphasize the clause that refers to that.

"And I want to congratulate the Encampment in having at Headquarters a loyal and very fine secretary in the person of Mrs. Helen Phinney, and I am sure you will all agree with me that, with the amount of work she has to do, still she is never too busy to lay aside her work and help any comrade to solve any problem that is presented having to do with the Grand Army of the Republic. As I stated to a member of the Council, I have taken note of what occurs there. I have sat and listened and sometimes there would be from one to three or four telephone calls, somebody asking questions, and I used to think — Well, she has got to ring off that party. However, contrary to my way of doing, she answers every question, no matter whether questions are sent in by mail or telephone. Mrs. Phinney answers them all very fully and very pleasantly, and they all go away, I am sure, feeling that they have been answered.

"As you know, we lost Comrade Wetherbee. We miss him very much; but when any of us go there now we find Mrs. Phinney ready and eager to answer our questions, so that we have always felt we could go to her freely and ask to have our problems solved, and I want the comrades to remember that. And I want them to remember another thing: To make out their returns correctly and send them in promptly.

"That, Commander, is the report of the Committee."

(The motion is made and duly seconded that the report be accepted.)

Commander-Elect George A. Gay: "The motion is made that we receive this report of the Committee on the Commander's address. All in favor will please manifest it by the regular sing; contrary minded; it is a vote."

Commander Bishop: "As we have practically the largest attendance now that we shall have this afternoon, I desire to make an announcement. I trust you will receive it favorably. It is not open to discussion but for acceptance if you so choose. The Department Headquarters of the Grand Army of Massachusetts cordially invites each member of the Grand Army present at this meeting, or the succeeding meetings, to join us as our guests at the American House tomorrow for dinner. If there is any objection to that, you will please express your opinion privately. Publicly, I hope you will accept the invitation."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, there is a delegation of officers from the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Auxiliary, two in number, Mrs. Catherine Olsen, State Department President, and Mrs. Bessie Misner, Junior Vice-Department President."

Commander Bishop: "Will Comrade Lincoln and Comrade Snow accompany the delegation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Auxiliary."

(The escort retired and soon reappeared and escorted the delegation to the platform.)

Comrade Lincoln: "Commander, in obedience to your command, I present to you the delegation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Auxiliary."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I present to you the State Department President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary."

State Department President Mrs. Catherine Olsen: "Comrade Commander Bishop and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am most happy today to be here as the Department President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to bring the greetings from my 107 Auxiliaries to the comrades assembled here today at your Encampment. I was just thrilled to death that I could come here to make this call upon Comrade Bishop because he is a member of the George F. Bryan Post of Quincy, of whose Auxiliary I am also a member. Naturally, when the opportunity came to me to come here today I could not resist the temptation. I have six hotels to visit, and I thought that I surely wanted to come here first. I came here this morning but you had just recessed; so, of course,

I went to the American House and brought the greetings there, and I have come back here today to say that I trust that your Encampment will be very happy and successful, and that whatever you do will be constructive and for the best of your organization.

"We are mighty proud of the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel that you have set a good example for us to follow, that you are an inspiration to us, the younger generation, and we feel that if we can only take a lesson from you boys and your Auxiliaries, we will certainly have something worth while during our lives.

"My Department wishes to present you with this check, Comrade Bishop, with all their love and esteem, and we trust when you retire from office that you will come among the members of my Department and give them your help and give them all the knowledge that you have gained during your year as Department Commander.

"To the incoming Commander and his staff of officers I wish a year of continued success and hopefulness, and I trust that God will give you many, many more years to live so that we can always look up to you with the same admiration that we have always had since we have known you. I thank you, Comrade Bishop." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Whatever value is contained in this gift, I wish to assure you that the love and esteem of your organization is worth a thousand times more than any pecuniary value that might come to me. I am very proud to have established contact with organizations relating to the little trouble we had on the other side of the water, to have you come here and look into the faces of these men that are quite your seniors, that you may understand the character of the building that we have put up for the coming generations to occupy, to lead them to give their services and their value to the country.

"Comrades, I now present to you Mrs. Bessie Misner, Junior Vice-Department President of the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Junior Vice-Department President Bessie Misner: "Comrade Bishop, Department Officers, and Comrades of the G. A. R. may I too add my good wishes and greetings to those coming from the Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which we represent. I am very happy to be here. This is the first time I have ever had the honor of bringing greetings to your organization and I hope, Comrade Commander and comrades, that it will be my happy privilege to be here again next year, and I hope to see all these comrades here again, and I wish for you a most happy and harmonious convention. Thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Please accept our congratulations, and we shall be glad to welcome you as our guest at any of our Encampments."

Mrs. Misner: "I thank you."

Commander Bishop: "We shall welcome you at all times. Gentlemen, will you escort the ladies from the hall."

(The delegation was escorted from the hall.)

Officer of the Day: "Commander, the Commander-in-Chief is at the outpost."

Commander Bishop: "Past Commander-in-Chief Foster, Past Department Commander Webb, and Comrades Charles E. Nason, I. B. Mowry, Francis J. O'Reilly, and Thomas Corson will act as escort."

(The escort retired and reappeared with Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling of the Sons of Union Veterans, and Commandant Charles W. Parker of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster: "Department Commander, I have the great honor of presenting to you a man who has come from afar to attend our Encampment and meet with us — Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade, I fully appreciate what you have said and, Commander-in-Chief Martin, ever since I met you in St. Paul I have looked forward to the pleasure of meeting you again, and I am very glad to have you with us here today."

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin: "I am very glad to meet you, too."

Comrade Nason: "Commander, I present Park F. Yengling, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans."



Commander Bishop: "I had the pleasure of meeting you last night, sir. I am more than glad to welcome you here. We want to get as near as possible to our sons. Sometimes we feel they are very dear to us because we do not find as many of them present as we would like. Last night I had a very delightful experience meeting them en masse and fully appreciating that they understand what it means to be the Sons of the Union Veterans. We are very glad to welcome you here."

Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling: "I thank you, Comrade. We certainly appreciate the fact that you permit us to come to see you. We wish that we were in greater numbers, but we can say to you that if it is your wish we will carry on when you are no longer able to do so. We are here for that purpose. That is all we are organized for, and all you have to do is to say the word — we will respond."

Commander Bishop: "You may rely upon our saying the word, and we will equally rely upon your carrying out your obligations as our sons — not to accept our orders but following in our footsteps do better work than we have done."

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: "Commander, we could not do better work; we could not do as good work as you have done; but we will do the best we know how with the example you have set us in the past."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I present to you your Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Russell C. Martin."

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin: "Department Commander and Comrades of this Department: —

"I am not going to weary you with talk. I am not very much of a talker, but I am certainly pleased to have the opportunity to come to this Encampment and visit you and to have the opportunity later to shake hands with you and look in your faces. When we talk from the platform we sometimes think it does not hit as deep as it does with a handshake and a smile.

"I have come a long, long distance, not only to visit you, but to visit others in these New England States. I was born in New England, in Vermont, and served in the Civil War with the First Vermont Cavalry, and I have never forgotten the New England States or Vermont, my birthplace. We travel around all over the world, one place and another, but all of you boys who have gone different ways, have lived in different portions of our country and so forth, have always looked back to your childhood, to the place where you were born, with a little more love and friendship than for any other place you have ever lived in. So it does not make any difference how long you are gone, you like to come back, you like to look over these places, and three years ago I was back and went all over the State of Vermont pretty nearly, and into New Hampshire just out of curiosity. Having been gone from those places for more than fifty years, to go back and look over associations where as a boy I worked from sunrise until long after dark and see what this work of mine looked like again — is a peculiar satisfaction. You can't explain it perhaps or explain why to one who has been gone so many years how much pleasure it is to come back and go over these scenes. You see so many changes. The people are gone that you knew when you were young; but you are going back in your thoughts all these years, living your life over again.

"So I have come to Massachusetts again after all these years to visit you, Comrades, and others of your organizations who are holding their conventions just as you are holding your Encampment at this time in Boston. I have come here to enjoy them and to enjoy you. Perhaps you do not have as many out to these meetings as you used to have, but that does not make any difference at all. Our love grows deeper as our numbers grow smaller, and we enjoy each other more now than we ever have in the last fifty years, and as we get still smaller in numbers this love is going to increase.

"I am just saying these few words to you because I suppose I will have to talk at some of these dinners and receptions, at which time I will tell you a good many things that I would like to tell you now; but you are in session and have your work to do, and I want to thank you for the opportunity of saying these few words to you and, as a matter of fact, I am wanting to tell you some other things, too. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Commander, you touch a very tender spot when you speak of New England, your residence here, your regard for it, as well as your love.

This building which has stood here for a long time is an illustration of the time we went through in the earlier days. You are located now in a growing section on the other coast. My memory of Los Angeles goes back to it when it was a village of about 6,000 inhabitants. But it has grown somewhat since then and to a greater extent than we have. But neither there nor here has human nature changed materially. You are still of New England, and we welcome you as such. We are very glad you are here, and if there is anything we can do to make your stay pleasant, pray command us."

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Thank you, Commander."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I present Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling of the Sons of Union Veterans."

Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling: "Department Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., your Department Commander insists that I say just a few words more to you. I would not be human if I could not say a few more words standing in this wonderful old Faneuil Hall of Boston. We hear about it way out in Ohio, where I come from, but I presume that not more than one in ten thousand has ever seen it or probably ever will be privileged to talk within its sacred walls. It certainly is a privilege to come here today with the Commander-in-Chief, and see so many of you here transacting the business of this Department. May all of you come back here just as many years as you want to come. None of us knows how long that is going to be. We Sons of the Union Veterans are getting along in years, the average age of our organization being 55. I can remember when I used to think my dad, back twenty-five, thirty, or forty years ago, was an old man. I used to look at him and say he was an old man, but he was not as old than as I am today.

"We Sons of Veterans deeply feel the responsibility that is placed upon our shoulders, and by the help of the Great Creator who made this wonderful world of ours we are going to follow on as you men would have us follow on. You have set us a good example because we realize today that these United States would have been divided if you men had not made the great sacrifice in 1861-1865. You not only brought the other States back into the Union and kept all the stars and all the stripes in that beautiful flag of ours, but you put your shoulder to the wheel and made it what it is today.

"There is one thing that bothers us somewhat. Maybe we should not bother about it. We are your heirs in a sense, and we would like to know, Comrades, whether we are your legal heirs. I am saying that to you, Commander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief. We would like to know the answer to that question if it is permitted for us to know it. When we do know it, I think it is going to make a big difference in our numbers. The possibilities of the Sons of Union Veterans are ten times as great as the Grand Army's ever were, because the membership of men who belong to your organization is limited, whereas we can go on forever and still be the Sons of Union Veterans. We have got into the third generation already; great grandsons are in our organization; and fifty years from now there will be two and three or more 'greats' added still to that. Instead of there being a miserly 30,000 strong we will be 3,000,000 strong fifty years from now, and that is no idle prediction. The possibilities of the Sons of Union Veterans coming after that indicate that we will be the greatest patriotic organization that the United States or any other country ever saw.

"Again, Commander and Comrades, I thank you for the opportunity of talking to you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We are very glad to have your assurance of what is and what in the future will be your attitude, and we commend very heartily the determination on the part of the Sons to do more than we have accomplished along practical lines, political lines, lines of education of the younger people, and, taking hold where we leave the task, expand, develop, and grow. We are very glad of this assurance, and we charge you to see that you do all that you possibly can to bring about that practical conclusion of which you have spoken. There is a great responsibility resting upon the Sons of the Veterans. We desire that they should take up the work we have done, correct our faults, and go on pursuing a broader line of patriotic education for the masses of the people until they stand



in the front rank even after we are forgotten as the emblem of the best quality of patriotism. (Applause.)

"There is one man that always does the hard work and does it very efficiently, and he is also so modest that he tries to hide behind the scenery somewhere so that he will not be called upon to say a word; but he is always found and, when found, he has something of vital importance to impart to you. You know well whom I mean. (To Commandant Parker.) Will you step forward here. Comrades, here is a man who occupies one of the most important places in the United States. (Applause.) You know his relationship to the Soldiers' Home, which has wonderfully changed in its make-up and where there were very many of the Grand Army and he is now having them take just as good care of the eight comrades who are in that home as they did when the comrades numbered hundreds." (Applause.)

Commandant Charles W. Parker: "Comrades, this is a very hard position for me to occupy this afternoon. As you know, in November of this year the Home as a corporation will cease its operation and go over to the State. The work will be carried on as faithfully as it has in the past, and I probably, if I am permitted, will serve as the last Commandant of the corporation.

"In the years I have been there, there have been a great many changes. Some of this that I am going to say now I have said here before but this is a time when we can make comparisons. In all the fifty-two years that we have been in existence and up to the present time we have had 11,164 members. That is the membership. And altogether, with readmissions, we have had 16,603 veterans we have cared for in the fifty-two years.

"Comrade Bishop has spoken about the Grand Army man. In 1910, when I went there, there were 571 members there of whom fifteen were Spanish War veterans. Today there are only eight Grand Army men. And to show you the reduction and change in population in those years, speaking particularly of the Grand Army men: — In 1925, there were 225 Civil War veterans, and they gradually went down until there were thirty-three in 1930, then they dropped to twenty-two, and in 1933 there were eleven. At the present time, which is the beginning of 1934, there are eight.

"But offsetting that diminishing number of Grand Army men, the number of Spanish War veterans I think was at the highest along in 1925, when there were around 205. Now they have dropped to 168. And of the World War veterans, who in 1919 had just commenced to come in, there are 407.

"So you can see in the twenty-four years, or nearly twenty-five years that I have been there, the membership has changed its personality from Civil War veterans to World War veterans.

"Here is another thing I want to mention. Since July 25, 1882, fifty-one years ago, there have been 7,147 Civil War veterans in the home. Since May 4, 1903, that is, thirty years ago last year, there have been 1,944 Spanish War veterans, Indian War veterans, Philippine insurrection veterans, and since January 6, 1919, there have been 2,073 World War veterans.

"That change has come about gradually but you can readily see the difference in the personnel that has happened during my administration. I have been Commandant for eleven years nearly, and the change has been so great that at the present time I do not really know who is there personally. When I went there I knew quite a number personally and could call them by name, but at the present time it is almost impossible, unless you had direct connection with any of them, to know the personnel as you might have done in the past.

"There is one thing more I want to say, that I do not think there is any better organization for the well being of veterans, no matter what their class, that has been established in Massachusetts than the Soldiers' Home. Lately, the trustees have secured approval of the erection of a new building to take the place of the old wooden building, the old hotel which has stood there for, I think, somewhere near sixty-five years. That is going to come down, and that will complete our worry at the present time as far as fire hazards are concerned, and the nature of the rooming quarters will be better than are there now. As you know, the building that we erected in the last two years has been completed and was occupied on the 13th of October, and it has met our requirements very nicely.

"I want to say and say as strongly as I can, I do not think the people of Massachusetts, the Legislature either, realize the work of the Grand Army and its associated organizations which has been put into the Home in the last fifty-two years, and I think it will forever stand a memento to their memory. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Commandant Parker, we are very glad to have your expose of the status of the Soldiers' Home as it is today in comparison with what it was — not only the membership, showing what a wonderful transformation has taken place, but also in the changed characteristics of the buildings — thanks to the stepping in of the Massachusetts Department to take charge of it. It is a rather curious thing that there are more Grand Army men on the Board of Trustees of the Department today than there are patients in the hospital."

Commandant Parker: "That is right."

Commander Bishop: "It has been a very wonderful thing. As carried on by the State of Massachusetts, the location, the beautiful buildings that are being put up will make a transformation that will be very pleasing to the people who are obliged to go there and after they go are glad that they came. But it also shows what the Grand Army and its associate membership, the ladies, did in the past, to establish and carry on without any assistance from the State that wonderful organization that has made that a permanent institution now taken over by the State."

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin: "Commander, Commandant Parker, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Brother Yengling and myself had the pleasure, by the invitation of Commandant Parker, to visit the Home this noon time, and he, as well as the other officers, showed us through the buildings. I was Commandant of the California State Veterans Home for six years and cared for all of the different veterans and have been through a great many Homes, hither and yon, and there is no home that I have ever been in that is in a more sanitary condition, in which everything is as clean and nice and the arrangements of the buildings as excellent. I had never been in this Home before, but the dormitories, the way they are arranged, the windows and the lighting and air are perfect. They could not be any better, and anyone who has the hope of going to that Home, with the corps of officers they have there, will be mighty lucky. I was surprised, and I was delighted to find the conditions as wonderful as they are."

"I just wanted to say this. I did not think of it when I was speaking until Commandant Parker was introduced here, and I want to second this matter that he has been talking about, the great work that has been done. It is not the work of a few minutes; it is the work of days, months, and years to work up these conditions and get them up to where you have all the arrangements and all of the buildings in the condition that they are up there, and our Civil War veterans should be proud of that home. It is my understanding that they were the ones who started it."

"Our California State Home was started by the Mexican War veterans and the Civil War veterans. The Mexican veterans died out. Then the increase in membership was so much that we could not carry it on through donations and begging and other ways, so we turned the Home over to the State, turning over \$320,000 worth of property, and the State has been taking care of the home since. But this Home here in Massachusetts you ought to be proud of. I was." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Hatch of Post 73 has something to say to you, and we will be glad to listen to him at this time."

"I am very glad to be here today, to look into the faces of my comrades. We have a Post in Abington. There are only three or four of us left now, but we meet occasionally, and we miss those that have passed away. When our Good Commander finds that it is time for us to go, we pass away; and I know the comrades miss us. May God bless you all, comrades, during the year that is to come. That is my sincere desire. I thank you." (Applause.)

(At this point the Commander-in-Chief and suite retire, all present rising and applauding.)

Commander Bishop: "We are very glad to have recognition from and companionship with our brother comrades who come to us from other States. A representative of the Department of Connecticut, who is also a prominent officer in the



national organization, is here, and I know that you will be very glad to have him speak on the State of Massachusetts, the relationship it bears to the State of Connecticut, in regard to the Grand Army and any other kind of difference he may wish to bring out."

Comrade Henry W. Burrill, Executive Committee, National Council of Administration, Hartford, Connecticut: "Department Commander of Massachusetts and comrades, I am sorry that the Commander-in-Chief has gone; but, however, you have had the inspiration of his presence. Yet sometimes the most powerful eloquence comes from within the silent heart. The knot which binds us was tied a great many years ago, and we are tied together until the All-Seeing Spirit calls us to the Second Grand Army, where we will meet as we have in the past.

"Now to revere the name of a man is a very simple thing but it makes the man whose name is thus revered known, and, while the man is a hero, knowledge of him is power.

"My dear comrades, it is your duty to talk about the men who saved this nation, who stood between us and national humiliation. You owe it to them as a debt of gratitude, and you owe it to those numbers of your comrades who gave their lives to preserve that national unity. If we permitted for one single generation the power of the name of Abraham Lincoln to lessen, think of the incalculable damage done to the nation. By talking about him we give him an earthly immortality, an earthly power which keeps alive the strong fire of patriotism — love of country.

"O, my dear comrades, of all the days we have I feel that Memorial Day should be fully consecrated to those boys who have gone and those who cannot go to the cemetery. I think that the churches should be opened and every man that can hobble or get money together should go to those churches and bend his knees in prayer to Almighty God for what he has done for us and the dear boys who are gone.

"My dear comrades, our Flag is the best beloved emblem in the world. In our civic and business duties, in our homes, its living colors call upon us to remember what it has cost in sacrifice of lives. Now why shouldn't we cry out until our voices shall resound from one end of this earth to the other, 'Three cheers for the red, white and blue!'

"I thank you, boys, for listening to me. Commander, I am grateful to you for this opportunity of being with you for the first time." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We are very glad to welcome you and to listen to you giving such a wonderful expose of the work done by the founders of the Grand Army. You bring us what we lack in Massachusetts, a very strong oratorical ability, and we are the gainers by your doing that. We appreciate this acknowledgment which has come to us today, and I hope you will come again next year and give us even more information than you have given us today."

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Commander, I want to give notice to the chairman of every committee which is to visit the other Auxiliaries that a good time to go will be after the close of this meeting.

"Commander, mother always taught me to say 'Thank you' when anybody did me a favor. That has grown up with me to the present time. I am passing it along now, and I am going to ask you if you do not think it will be a good plan for this Department to pass a resolution thanking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the magnificent way in which they have treated us during the past two years. They gave us \$2,500 last year and \$2,000 this year for the expense of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, and I say the least we can do is to say 'Thank you.' I make as a motion, that a resolution be passed to that effect."

(Said motion was seconded.)

Commander Bishop: "It is moved and seconded that we pass a resolution thanking the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the very fine spirit in which they have supported the Department during the past three years by giving us sufficient funds to enable us to carry on our Headquarters without depleting our own resources below a proper limit. Are you ready to vote? All those in favor of the resolution please stand. It is a rising vote. The vote appears to be unanimous. Thank you.

"Comrade Bronson is your Committee ready to report?"

Comrade John E. Bronson: "Commander, the Committee to nominate names for the Council of Administration nominate the following: James H. Webb, Henri Batchelder, Leonard Boyd, Waldo Turner, Albert Nickerson."

Commander Bishop: "Is there any comment on this report? All in favor of adopting it say Aye, contrary minded No; it is a unanimous vote."

"Is there any further business that it is necessary for us to transact this afternoon? As usual, our Secretary agrees wholly with me upon a very important matter. I was about to remark something about it, and she brings it to my attention. Whether it is psychology or whatever it is, you will enjoy it. I wish to repeat this: — that the Department has asked each member, each comrade present here today, to join us tomorrow afternoon at dinner, the expense to be borne entirely by the Department. If you will apply to the Assistant Adjutant-General, he will give you tickets of admission to the dinner tomorrow afternoon. Do you understand that?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Did every comrade hear that announcement? If you want to go to the dinner tomorrow, come here and get your ticket. It won't cost you anything."

Commander Bishop: "Tickets for the banquet on tomorrow will be distributed to those who ask for them. Apply to Comrade Turner. If you apply to him for a ticket for the banquet at the American House tomorrow, you will receive one which costs you nothing."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, I want to ask in regard to tickets. Suppose a comrade comes and has somebody to take care of him. Can they come and have a ticket or do they pay for it?"

Commander Bishop: "Yes, if it is necessary for someone to take care of a comrade, he can be admitted but will be expected to pay for the ticket."

"Is there any other business for us to transact this afternoon? If not, we will meet promptly at 10 a. m. tomorrow here."

(End of first day of Sixty-Eighth Encampment.)

## SECOND DAY

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, MASS., APRIL 12, 1934

Chief of Staff Joseph F. Stoddard: "Commander, in behalf of the Aides and comrades of this Department, in view of the splendid administration that you have given us for this past year, we have contributed this little present. I am happy to give it to you, and I want to say to you now, comrades, that I thank every comrade who has contributed for this gift to our Commander, that is to our retiring Commander." (Presenting gift.) (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrade, it is really difficult for me to express thanks for something that is tendered to me. I should like to take such action as would make it appear that I not only appreciate it, but that I deserve it, but I shall have to leave that to your consideration. In any event, I feel very much under obligation to you, and you will please convey to the comrades my deep thanks. (Applause.)

"Comrades, we have a member of the order here today from the State of Maine, Charles E. Nason, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Maine, and he has very kindly consented to bring us greetings from his State and to say something to us regarding the Grand Army of the Republic." (Applause.)

Comrade Charles E. Nason: "Commander and comrades, it is a pleasure indeed to meet with you here, as I have done several times in the past, and to bring you greetings from the State of Maine. There is a tie that binds us together, no matter from what part of this great country we may come, or where we dwell today, and that bond can only be broken in one way, and that is by death."

"I am not here to sing the swan song of the Grand Army of the Republic, but to greet you, my comrades, and to congratulate you on what we have done in the past."

"The world at large, or our citizens of this country, hardly realize what we have accomplished. We have not made a great noise in the world. We have done our work quietly, but in a systematic way. I was very much interested yesterday sitting here to hear Commandant Parker's report on the Home over at Powder



Horn Hill, and I want perhaps to interest you just a minute in telling something that I know of what has been done by the Grand Army of the Republic in trying to care for our disabled comrades.

"I have been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for more than sixty years. I have always had an interest in the organization above that of any other organization to which I have belonged during those many years, and I have belonged to several.

"And now I want to go back, if you will bear with me — Commander says he has a few minutes of leisure time — and take up that thread. The public of the United States does not realize and understand that it was purely through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic that the first National Homes were established. I thank God I was able to aid a little in accomplishing that, and we eventually have five National Homes established, maintained by the Government of the United States, to care for the disabled veterans of the Civil War and of the Indian War.

"We found when the five Homes were completed that they were absolutely inadequate to care for our disabled comrades all over this country. We were fortunate in Maine in getting one at Togus, which is just outside of Augusta. The next one was at Dayton, Ohio, and then Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and so on until the five were established all the way out to California.

"The next step made was in different States, and I was very much interested and gratified to hear Commandant Parker give a little history of the establishment of the Home over here on Powder Horn Hill. That was done absolutely and entirely with Grand Army of the Republic money, and with that contributed by allied organizations. The first donation towards that was some \$10,000 by a comrade of our own organization, and so they have gone across the country until today, there are about thirty of those Homes that have been established and were maintained by the Grand Army of the Republic and gradually, as your Home over here has been, and as others are being, turned over to the State.

"Up to the close of the Spanish War we never asked aid from anyone except our own and allied organizations. I know that every comrade here will join me in giving thanks to our women's organizations who have done so much and worked so unceasingly to keep up those institutions and to help us to carry on. We are now passing the work on to someone else. We have allied with us organizations that are going to continue to exist, our Sons, our Daughters, and the other allied organizations, and I sometimes wonder what they are to do when we are gone. We can't expect to carry on for many more years.

"I am one of the young members of our organization, and I am past 87 years. The average age of men of the Grand Army of the Republic today is 90 years. Nature doesn't permit that we shall expect to carry on but a short time more, but I believe that we can turn this work over, and feel that we are leaving what we have carried on all these years to those organizations which are allied with us, in good hands, to our Sons, our Daughters, and the Relief Corps, and other allied organizations." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrade, I wish to thank you for the extremely lucid way in which you have explained the status and the operation of the Grand Army of the Republic in general. You have said in words what we have thought, and we appreciate very much your analysis and your special reference to those hospitals that have been established by and through the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been wonderful to work with the schools in regard to the youth of the Nation. It is all something that is permanent, and the alliance that we have made with the other organizations that will succeed us will act as an estoppel to the work that has been done insidiously to try and shake the foundations of the whole United States.

"I have every confidence that these organizations, based upon the initiative that we have taken, and composed of our sons and grandsons, will undoubtedly protect the interests of the United States against all the foolish, nonsensical work that is being carried on now. Thank you."

Officer of the Day: "The delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, one in number, is at the outpost."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Emery, of Post 26, you will act as escort to the delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans."

Comrade Emery: "Commander, I have the honor to introduce to you Mr. Fred E. Bolton, Past Commander-in-Chief."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I have the honor of presenting to you Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton: "Mr. Department Commander and comrades, I just want to extend the greetings of the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to tell you that perhaps I have the honor of being on this particular Committee for a matter of at least twenty-five different occasions. I can remember that as a boy I put in a great deal of time in this particular building; my father was custodian here, and so when I tell you that I have seen the hall here where you are holding your Encampment, with every seat on the floor and every seat in the balcony occupied, filled with your comrades, you can appreciate how much I miss the many comrades of yours, who were very dear friends of mine.

"It has been my privilege to have been a member of the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans for a matter of forty-six years, and when I tell you that the first job I ever had, the first money I ever earned, was as office boy for the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, George S. Merrill, way back in 1883, you can see that perhaps I have had some contact with your organization, and naturally have a very deep affection for you comrades and comrades of my father.

"It is also my privilege to be associated with at least three of these comrades that I see on the platform as a trustee of the Soldiers' Home, and as the Treasurer of that Board of Trustees, so therefore, again it is a pleasure for me to contact with them.

"I want to thank you, Department Commander, for having Comrade Emery detailed as my escort, because he is one of the few surviving comrades of Post 26 in Roxbury, where I also hail from.

"May I extend the cordial greetings, the love, the affection and loyalty and assurance of continued loyalty of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Thank you very much." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "You not only give us pleasure, but you do us honor in coming to address us as you have, taking the time from your other duties, and we are more than glad to greet you here. We should be glad, if your work will permit, to have you stay with us during the morning. If not, we will excuse you."

Past Commander Bolton: "May I say to you, Department Commander, that I am a city official. I happen to be connected with the Assessing Department, and this is the time of year when they are trying to gather up the taxes. It isn't a very popular job, but I think I had better be getting back and do a little bit of it."

(The delegate from the Sons of Union Veterans then retired under escort.)

Officer of the Day: "Commander, there is here a delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, two in number."

Commander Bishop: "Will Comrade Nickerson and Comrade Bronson retire and escort the delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary to the platform."

(The delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary was then escorted to the platform.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I now have the pleasure of presenting to you Miss Bessie Chapman, Past Department President, and Mrs. Sarah Brinn, Past President, Auxiliary No. 20.

"We are very glad to welcome you here, Miss Chapman, representing your organization, and we shall be very glad to have you say something to the comrades here. They will be glad to listen to you."

Miss Bessie Chapman: "Commander Bishop, Past Commanders, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was indeed a pleasure and an honor when my Department President asked me if I would go as a member of the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic. I can call a great many of you by name, and I certainly am glad to see you all here this morning.



"We have a delegation in the Auxiliary of 208 voting members, and we are having a wonderful convention. My National President wishes me to extend her love and best wishes to you. She was sorry that she could not be with us this morning, but she is going to try to be with you before your convention closes.

"Comrades, our organization stands shoulder to shoulder with the Sons of Veterans, to help you perpetuate the memory and the honor for which you fought, the Stars and Stripes.

"Commander Bishop, I have a little gift to you personally from our Department. Please accept it with our best wishes, and also with the best wishes of our convention." (Gift presented.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you very much. Please return my sincere thanks to your Department for your gift."

Miss Chapman: "I certainly will, Commander."

Commander Bishop: "Mrs. Brinn, will you just say a word to the boys?"

Mrs. Brinn: "Commander and comrades, it certainly is a great pleasure for me to come here this beautiful morning. I am not what you call a talker, because when I start to talk to you veterans of the Civil War, it makes me think of what it did to my family; however, may God bless you. We honor you. You are the boys who gave us our nation and preserved our flag. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you very much for coming and for bringing such sentiments. The number that was given here of your membership is not only flattering, but it is quite in excess of our understanding of the membership. Please extend our congratulations to your organization upon the growth of your Department, because in the future you will have to augment it as much as possible, as you will need more to carry on your good work. Thank you for coming."

(The delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary was then escorted from the platform.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, we have with us today a comrade who has been the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has also been Department Commander of the Department of Missouri, but he has now transferred to the Department of Massachusetts. He is William H. Wormstead, and now he belongs to Post 82, Marblehead.

"There is quite a lack of hurry on the part of these various delegations. That will give us a little time which I shall be very glad to utilize meanwhile by having Comrade Wormstead, who has been honored by serving as one of the highest officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, come to the platform and tell us something about the Grand Army of the Republic in that part of the country." (Applause as Comrade Wormstead advances to the platform.)

Comrade Wormstead: "Commander and comrades, I feel a little bit a stranger, and at the same time I feel very much at home. There is something about the glad hand of old Massachusetts that touches the heart and makes a man proud to think that he saw the light of day on the loyal ground of the Old Bay State.

"I expect I was a sort of prodigal in breaking away and going out into the wild and woolly West. I started my Grand Army career as a member of John Goodwin, Jr., Post No. 82, of Marblehead, and continued with it until 1883, when I went out into the young city of Kansas City to do a brief job of work, a decoration of a church, which would take about two months, possibly.

"Well, there was something about the roughness and rudeness of the town that appealed to me, I suppose. Anyway, I stayed there twenty-five years, and of course, as quickly as I got there I looked up the Grand Army of the Republic boys and I found them to be as royal good fellows as ever marched to the tap of a drum. And I found a whole lot more of the Confederate boys, and strange to say, I found them to be just as good fellows as the other boys were. And we always got along very well together there like a happy family. We had open meetings and we had the Johnnys there, and the Johnnys had open meetings and they had us there, and we got along fine.

"Well, I was always interested in the Grand Army of the Republic; I believed in it from the first. I believe in it today. If it hadn't been for the Grand Army of the Republic, we would be getting an \$8 pension today, just about, and lucky if we got that, too.

"And, of course, I have followed up the threads and doings of the order. Of course you know great men make mistakes sometimes. I suppose the first mistake the boys made was making me Commander of the Post. Well, we had a wonderful Post, I tell you. And then naturally followed, I suppose, the Department commandership, an honor which I received in 1917, and then came the National Encampment in Missouri, and if you want a job to make you forget all your other troubles, you just start in and organize a National Encampment, or try to.

"Well, we had two strong men in our Department, Charlie Burton, some of you remember him, the Grand Army of the Republic Commander-in-Chief, and we also had Leo Rassieur, one of the best lawyers and orators in the West. We also had Senator Bill Warner, a strong Grand Army of the Republic man, and I would like to say in connection with that National Encampment that it took all my time for three or four months to steer the thing, and keep things going. Of course, without the assistance of the Chamber of Commerce and those fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic men couldn't put that through. Of course, it is always hard to organize that way, by a Chamber of Commerce standing back of it and vouching for the financial part of it, and of course I am not going to say much about that. You understand that yourselves.

"But I want to say for the credit of our friends of the Gray, that the first check that I received to help us out in our financial part of the work came from a Confederate General, John B. Stone. I received his check and with it a little note to the effect that if we had need of more before we got through, there would be another one just like it that would be forwarded to us. Well, we didn't need it. We got along very well. But it was appreciated just the same.

"Some of you, I presume, were at the Kansas City Encampment. It was a very good Encampment, and it would have been a good deal better but for the fact that a great railroad strike threatened at that time, and the boys who lived scattered around through the country didn't want to take the risk of coming out West and getting marooned and not being able to get away. Nevertheless, the Encampment was up to grade, and everyone had a good time.

"Now, Comrades, I am not going to say much more. I can't talk much on account of a little affliction in my throat, so I will spare you anything further, but I will only say a few words to finish up my remarks.

"I got through with the Kansas City part of my life in 1927, and I disposed of what little property I had in Kansas City and folded my tent and came back to old Marblehead, where I propose to wind up my days in peace. And I also propose to mix in with all the Grand Army of the Republic affairs that come within my reach; and any little service that I can render in connection with my prayers, for I believe in prayers, to back up a good organization of any kind, will be yours as yours will be mine. Comrades, I thank you. Mr. Commander, I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrade, we appreciate very much your description of the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic in Kansas and the work that you have done there on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic. We compliment you on that work."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, a delegation of three from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades Batchelder, Stoddard, and Mowry will retire and escort the delegation of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to the platform."

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I now have the honor to present to you Past Department President Mrs. Frances C. Linnell, National President Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, and National Registrar Mrs. Theo Redfern. (Applause.) Mrs. Linnell we shall be very glad to have you give us the benefit of your presence by speaking to us now."

Mrs. Frances C. Linnell: "My comrades, I am very happy to come again and meet you, and in behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I bring to you their love and their best wishes.

"And Commander Bishop, in behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, I present to you this gift (presenting gift), and I want to say to you that I heard



your wonderful voice over the radio a while ago, and you don't know how much I enjoyed it. It didn't seem possible that a person could sing so clearly and distinctly as you did. It was wonderful, and I enjoyed it so much."

Commander Bishop: "Well, thank you for the compliment, but I can't find myself posing as an expert. I simply sing the old songs and let it go at that."

Mrs. Linnell: "Well, those are the best sometimes, and let me say that knowing you as I do and realizing that it was Commander Bishop singing, it just didn't seem possible. But I was only one of many who appreciated it."

Commander Bishop: "Please extend my sincere thanks to your organization for this present, and that I may have the pleasure of meeting with your organization personally and collectively a great many times again. (Applause.)

"Mrs. Ehrmann, will you please compliment the comrades by speaking to them."

Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann: "Department Commander Bishop, my dear comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a great joy this morning to visit you, to look into your smiling countenances and really to meet the comrades of my father here in Massachusetts. I want to congratulate you, Commander, upon the goodly number that you have here with you. I can assure you that I have visited many Encampments where they have had not half the number that you have here this morning, and it shows that you have longevity here, and also have the patriotism to come out and be with your Commander at the time of his Department Convention.

"I believe that our Grand Army boys are just the same as the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in this respect, that they do look forward to the Encampment, to meeting one another, because all during the year so many of you are scattered here and there throughout your different States that you do not have the opportunity of meeting one another. As I have visited these different States, and have noted the love and friendship exhibited between you comrades, it has run through my mind how my own dear father loved you, his comrades.

"Had my daddy been with me, he would have been 94 years old today. It is his birthday. And I wish he was here, but I am sure he is with me in spirit, and I am sure he is with you.

"Many and many a time I have watched you comrades greet one another, and Oh, that word 'Comrade.' It means so much to you. There are just two words I think that are two of the greatest words among the many words in the English language. One is 'Comrade,' and the other is 'Mother.' I think they are two of the sweetest words that we have.

"But many many times in visiting among you, my father's comrades, I could see you step up to one another and just grasp each other's hands, and that is all you say, 'Comrade.' And you just stand there and look into one another's eyes with that fervent love, with that great friendship born on the battlefield among suffering and starvation, among the tortures that can never be told, and that one word 'Comrade' covers it all. It just brings back all of those memories to you. It means so much.

"And that is why I say to you, that love that you have for one another has been handed down to us, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and your daughters. When our organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, was first organized, it was organized by your mothers, and do you know, comrades, that there is but one mother of the veterans still alive that we know of? I gained that information when I was in Washington, that there is just one mother of a veteran still alive.

"We have a few in our service, and we love and reverence them because they were the ones who suffered with you although you were young boys. They suffered with you because they were the ones who missed you most when you were far away on those battlefields.

"But the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander, that name shall go down to posterity. Long after the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed away, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will carry your name down to the generations to come. They will teach those coming generations to love and reverence your memory.

"And that is the message I want to give to you, my dear comrades, this morning. Have no fear. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will carry on and



on, not only your name with all honor and respect due to you, but we will carry on the work that you have commenced and that you have taught us. You were our teachers, and we will do just exactly whatever you wish us to do.

"Department Commander, I want every comrade in this room to know that it will be an extreme pleasure for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to do everything to make you happy. God bless you and may you have a very successful Encampment. May it linger long in memory and after you leave Boston and go home, I know you will live over again the happy hours that you spent here together." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "I wish to extend to you our thanks and to congratulate you upon the statements you have made regarding the mission of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. When you say that the two best words in the English language are 'Comrade' and 'Mother,' the only change I would make would be to reverse them and say, 'Mother' and 'Comrade.' They are the two dearest words, the words to hold in memory the longest, to be with us all through our years and to go with us into the future. Thank you very much for what you have said.

"Mrs. Redfern, will you speak now?"

Mrs. Theo Redfern: "Department Commander Bishop, and all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as I look among you I see very few faces that I could recognize to call by name, and yet there isn't a comrade anywhere in this country that belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic that I don't know. I feel that I know every one of them and know them all as friends and would do anything in my power for any one of them.

"Now I am not going to detract from our National President's words. They were beautiful, I just want to bring you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic boys in Rhode Island, we have just fifty-four who are left to us, and there are only sixteen of them who were able to come out to the Department Encampment on Monday of this week. It seemed a small gathering, but every face was full of smiles. They seemed happy with each other, and we are all glad to greet them, and I bring you their greetings and love." (Applause.)

Mrs. Ehrmann: "I just want to say, comrades, that this is one of my girls, too. (Indicating Mrs. Phinney.) We have been friends a great many years, and I just know how hard she is working to make your Encampment a success. Sister Phinney and I worked together a great many years, and we love one another."

Commander Bishop: "I want to introduce to you a man now, who has something to say, and I am quite sure you will be glad to listen to him, even though he is an entire stranger. (Laughter.) I present to you Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster." (Applause.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Foster: "Department Commander, I wanted first to make my report; on the Resolutions Committee, I wish to say to you that we had a meeting, but there were no resolutions handed to us, and therefore we have nothing to report on that.

"On the Committee for the Ladies of the Grand Army, our committee from here went over there, and we just about got in when the Commander-in-Chief came in, with all the boys with him, and so that took so much time that by the time we all got through talking, I thought it would be too late to come back to you here and make any report. I have been with them this morning in visiting the Corps Ladies, and they asked me what time you were going to install. I told them I did not know, but I said you had better be over there as soon as you get through wherever you are going now. So I suppose he will soon be here. I don't know.

"Your Commander has asked me to say something to you boys. I don't know that I can say anything that would be more impressive, or that would satisfy me, whether it does you or not, than to tell you that I am pleased to be here again with you old boys. I am pleased for several reasons. First, possibly you will think I am taking more than I ought to upon myself, but I want to thank God before all of our comrades here today that I am getting back my speech. I can begin to talk now, and make you understand me better than I could a few months ago.

"I don't know that you would enjoy listening to the fact that a Commander-in-Chief who takes the position and takes it with a desire to fill his duty, is going to

suffer and pay the penalty when he comes out. That you have known by the number of Past Commanders-in-Chief who have passed away, some of them while on duty, and others soon after. We can go back and name any number of them for you, so when I came home from Cincinnati, I felt so well that I didn't take any vacation. I kept right on working, which I ought not to have done. I paid the penalty for it by having been for over eighteen months in such a condition that I could not talk to you, so that I could not say anything to you or speak plainly as I used to do.

"But there is one consolation that has come to me through that suffering that I had. I have never regretted it, for I paid the penalty for doing what I set out to do, of getting the biggest pension for not only the old boys, but also for the widows, and therefore my work has been done, and therefore, as I say, I will be glad to meet with you whenever I can, to do what I can to carry on the work.

"And I wish sometimes, in saying that, that we could impress upon the younger people who are coming along now soon to take our places, we may say — no, they never can do that — but they are going to attempt to do the work of carrying on our work. I wish that they could be brought to understand that what we want of the Spanish War and the World War veterans is for them not to forget that their main duty is the carrying on of what we have done for so many years, and that is patriotism and Americanism. I was speaking before some of the boys, well, I will tell you when it was, it was before a meeting of the Veterans of the World War, and I noticed that they were getting quite impatient. I wasn't making a great long speech, either, but I felt that I should quit talking. But before I did, I made this suggestion to our boys. I told them I hoped they would take it only in the way I meant it, and I said this, 'Don't forget that when you hold your weekly meetings, they are for the purpose of doing work, not for the purpose of getting together and reading the names and then hurrying up so that you can have a dance.' I said, 'You can dance any night in the week, but there is only one night in the week that you have your meetings, and they should be held for the purpose of going on with this work and letting the world see that you are ready to perform your duties as we have done during all of our lifetime.'

"So today, comrades, and yesterday, it has pleased me very much to think that we yet have a number that can come out and show them, and you know, that is one failing with our own boys, they would never stay in if they could possibly get out, and so, we have done our duty so far, and I know that we are going to carry on.

"I was asked here only a short time ago when we were going to quit. I said, well that has been a question that we have had to answer, and I will answer it. 'When you find the last call has come, and Washington, possibly, will be the place that will have the last call, and when there is but one comrade left, and that comrade is called to represent the greatest organization in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic, why do you know, I would rather be that comrade. It seems to me I would give up my life if I could live out to be the last comrade to go there and report when they called the Grand Army of the Republic to come forward. Wouldn't that be a great thing? Stop and think of it, and you will agree with me, and then, we have got another satisfaction, that should follow us to the last moment before we lose ourselves, and that is that we have never failed to do our duty.

"And so today, comrades, I wish to have you accept from me my friendliest feeling that I have for you, and I want to say, 'Hold the fort, hold the fort.' I believe this minute if we could pierce through the film that would show us over two millions of our boys who are over there waiting for us, that if they could say one word to us today, I feel that word would be from them, 'Carry on.' I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you very much, comrade. We appreciate your inspirational talk."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, there is at the outpost a delegation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Boyd, Comrade Page, Comrade Metzger, and Comrade Sawin, you will proceed to the outpost and escort the delegates from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to the platform."

(The delegation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War was then escorted to the platform.)



Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I now have the pleasure of presenting to you Miss Agnes I. McCoy, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, National President; Mrs. Louise Vincent, Past Department President; and Mrs. Edna C. Hicks, Department, Patriotic Instructor."

Miss McCoy: "Department Commander, and the loyal comrades who are here today, the one who was appointed in the first place as Chairman of this Committee is one of our most loyal Daughters, but she was unable to come to you today, so I was asked to come in her place. She had many things to tell you, but I will take her place as best I can."

"She wanted me in the first place to tell you how sorry she was that she could not be with you. It is an honor that I can happily express to you, coming here today with the greetings from our Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You mean so much to us, and now that your ranks are growing thinner, we hope that the ties will be even stronger. We want you to know that you have thousands of loyal Daughters all over this country ready and willing to carry on whatever task you leave for us to do."

"We do not want for one minute to take any task away from you that you are now able to carry on, but we do want you to feel assured that there is not one Daughter who does not consider you as her father, and they will be ever willing and ready to do their best for you. When you come into our Convention, it is one of the brightest spots that we have. We look forward to your coming. We want you to come often and stay as long as you can. We are organized for you, and we intend to do all we can for you, and to the best of our ability, to carry out that purpose."

"My Department President wanted me to extend to you, Department Commander, her best wishes. She has enjoyed working with you, and every one of our Daughters brings loyal, faithful, sincere greetings to every comrade here. We love you, we want you to continue, and we can only say, 'God bless you all.'"

"Our Department President has sent two gifts here, one to Comrade Bishop and one to Comrade Turner. When their busy times from the Convention are over, and they are settled by their fireside in their own homes, we hope that they may enjoy these books and think often of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (presenting gift)."

"It has been a great honor for me to appear here, and I have another honor now. Our National President is here today. Just as good as she is to look at, so she is. And I know she has some splendid words of greeting to you, and I will close as Chairman of this Committee and say, 'God bless you all.' " (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you very much for coming to us and giving us those encouraging words, and we fully rely upon the Daughters to be real Daughters to the Grand Army of the Republic. We have found them so upon every occasion. In all the meetings I must say they are the best behaved set of Daughters that I have ever seen, and we love them. We appreciate them and we thank you very much."

"Will you return my thanks to your Department President for this book? I wonder how it was discovered that I was so fond of books and that there is only one man in the Department who likes them better than I, and that is Comrade Turner."

Miss McCoy: "Comrade Turner, our Department President has sent you this book so that when you have returned home from the cares of the Convention, you may enjoy reading it, we hope."

Comrade Turner: "Thank you very much, indeed. Will you please convey to your Department President my deep thanks."

Commander Bishop: "It is a signal honor which I have, to speak to you as National President of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War of the whole country. I hardly dare to repeat what this lady said in her introduction of you, but I can think it, though."

Mrs. Dorothy Houghton: "Department Commander, Past National Commander my father's comrades, it is one of the most precious privileges that can come to us when we are permitted to come into your presence to bring greetings from our



organization, and I do bring to you the greetings from your Daughters, nearly 50,000 of them in our organization. Those Daughters who still have their fathers with them are most proud and happy to be with them on every possible occasion, and to show them honors. To us whose fathers have gone across to camp on the other shores, it is a privilege to render to the Grand Army of the Republic our devotion, to manifest our love for our own fathers through you.

"I want you to know that in a personal way your Commander-in-Chief has endeared himself to every one with whom he has come in contact this year. We all love him. I bring you the greetings from the Kansas Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have a splendid Department there. As you all know, they get into a little family quarrel sometimes, but nevertheless we have some wonderful men in the Grand Army of the Republic in Kansas.

"Our dear departed Commander Wright told me last spring when he visited our Encampment that only one had equalled Kansas in attendance, and that was Massachusetts. In my Post, in my old home town of Wichita, we still have forty-nine members, and we, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, take great pride in showing them every courtesy and every attention that we can.

"So, comrades of my father, I can only give you this message. As you go down the western slope in the glorious radiance of life's sunset, will you carry this assurance with you, and take it to our fathers over there, that as long as women's hearts hold sentiment and devotion, your memory will be kept before the American people by your daughters." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "To say that we appreciate the message that you have brought to us would be to make a false statement, because we should be inadequate to express our feelings in regard to it. We recognize the close companionship which exists between our organizations. We hold the daughters of our departed comrades in the same reverence and love as our own daughters. We appreciate the affection and devotion you have displayed on every possible occasion, and we thank you for bringing such sentiments from the Daughters of Union Veterans."

Mrs. Louise Vincent: "Comrades, all you comrades here, and our own Helen, your faithful Secretary, I want to say to you comrades that in 1919 was the first time that I ever was appointed on a Greetings Committee from the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and it was my privilege to be here with Sister Nellie Goodman, I thought that it was simply wonderful that I could come in my young days of daughterhood to see so many comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled. Now today coming here, I am just as happy. I am happy to see you, and comrades, I bring you all my own personal greetings as a Past President of this Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and I hope you will have many, many years of meeting, and may I come many times and greet you on each occasion.

"Our Past National President, our Chairman, has brought you the greetings of our organization, and I can only give you my greetings again and tell you how happy I am to be with you again this year."

Commander Bishop: "We feel quite confident that the Daughters in Massachusetts will continue in the future as they have in the past to assist us in every way, so far as they are able to do so, and we must say that we are relying upon them more and more for companionship. The older we grow, I don't like the word, but we do grow old, it is a fact, and the older we grow, the more regard we have for the next generation, and I pass the word to you that we are more than pleased with the response that we get from the Daughters in this State."

Mrs. Edna C. Hicks: "Commander Bishop, of course this is the pleasantest thing in my year to be able to come and greet you here in this wonderful historic Faneuil Hall. I see a great many familiar faces down here, and I want to assure you that it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you this little token from your grateful Daughters (presenting gift)." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "It is becoming very difficult for me to find words of grateful appreciation of all these benefits that are being heaped upon me here today. I have a rather limited vocabulary, and I have to condense everything into saying that I appreciate fully all that has come to me, not for the intrinsic value, whatever that may be, but because back of it I feel that I have the confidence and the good, friendly feeling of the people who send me the presents."

Mrs. Dorothy Houghton: "Department Commander, it has just been brought to my attention that your Comrade Wormstead, Past Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, I believe, is that correct? from Kansas, is in the hall."

Commander Bishop: "Yes, we had him up here giving us a very fine discourse filling in the time between the visits by the different delegations, some having been slow and delinquent in their approach, and he entertained us very nicely with a description of his work in Kansas City, especially the good fellowship that he met there in all the organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. I should be very glad to call him up to the platform here and have you shake hands with him."

Mrs. Houghton: "Thank you, Commander, I will see him as we go out, but I wanted to extend to him a special personal greeting from Kansas." (Applause.)

(The delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was then escorted from the platform.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the gift we have just received from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a check for \$150." (Applause.)

Officer of the Day: "Commander, a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, five in number, awaits at the door."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Webb, Comrade Foster, Comrade Stoddard, Comrade Mitchell, Comrade Crowell, you will retire and escort the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps to the platform."

(The delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps was then escorted to the platform.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I have the pleasure now of introducing to you the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Grace E. Manning, Department President; Mrs. May G. Lincoln, National President; Mrs. Elizabeth Blake, Department Senior Aide; Mrs. Aldena Howes, Department Chaplain; Mrs. Joanna R. O'Connell, Chairman Soldiers' Home Aides. Mrs. Manning, will you say something to us now, please?"

Mrs. Grace E. Manning: "Commander Bishop, and all our Grand Army veterans, our boys in blue, I salute you this morning. I feel that it is a most distinguished honor that has come to me that I can come from your Auxiliary, Woman's Relief Corps, and bring to you their greetings, their love and their pledge to always stand by you, always willing to do anything that they can for you. Just call on us, and we will be there.

"Commander Bishop, just as a little token of friendship from the Woman's Relief Corps, we give to you this little purse. It isn't much, but please accept it as just a little love token from the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, and the other is for the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic. Use it as you will; we know that it will be used in a worthy cause. And may I also present, through you, to Mrs. Bishop, these flowers from our Flower Committee.

"I have the Annual Report to read to you.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

"DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to render to you a report of the membership, receipts and expenditures of the Department of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, during my administration the past year:

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| Number of Corps in the Department January 1, 1934              | 149        |
| Number of members January 1, 1934                              | 8,878      |
| Cash expended from Corps Relief Funds                          | \$1,930.48 |
| Amount turned over to Posts of the G. A. R. not including rent | 595.27     |
| Estimated value of relief other than money                     | 1,614.84   |



GRACE E. MANNING  
Department President  
Woman's Relief Corps  
1933-1934





*Expended from Department Special Funds*

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| Department Relief Fund . . . . .                           | \$785.00 |
| Emergency Fund . . . . .                                   | 264.50   |
| Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Relief . . . . .        | 190.25   |
| Southern Memorial Fund (1933) . . . . .                    | 127.75   |
| Department G. A. R. Fund (extra on 1932 account) . . . . . | 25.00    |
| Department G. A. R. Fund for 1933 . . . . .                | 200.00   |
| Sarah E. Fuller Memorial Fund . . . . .                    | 6.00     |
| Gov. John A. Andrew Home (from Aides) . . . . .            | 90.00    |
| Four small funds sent to National Headquarters . . . . .   | 15.00    |

*Amount on Hand in Department Funds*

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| Department Relief Fund . . . . .    | 862.05 |
| Department Emergency Fund . . . . . | 899.49 |
| W. R. C. Dormitory . . . . .        | 112.14 |
| Southern Memorial . . . . .         | 76.50  |
| Mary Jones Patriotic Fund . . . . . | 238.70 |
| Sarah E. Fuller memorial . . . . .  | 16.88  |
| Woman's Relief Corps Fund . . . . . | 92.80  |
| Two Small Funds . . . . .           | 33.92  |
| General Fund . . . . .              | 890.57 |

Total . . . . . \$3,223.05

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

GRACE E. MANNING, *Department President.*

"I assure you, Commander Bishop, that my association with you the past year has been most pleasant. I have served with you throughout the year, and I hope my stewardship has been satisfactory to the Grand Army boys. I congratulate you upon the splendid service you have given in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I thank you for the courtesies you have shown to the Woman's Relief Corps. And may the years to come carry pleasant memories of the year we have served together. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "The report which you bring to us we shall cherish as showing the activities of the Woman's Relief Corps during the current year. It is always a pleasant time for us when we reach the point where you can come to us as an organization to render a report of the past year showing that you are going on doing this work and distributing these funds in such a good cause. We appreciate more than we can express in words what you have done for us and are doing for us now. This present occasion is very dear to us, and I can only reciprocate what you have said with regard to my relationship to the Woman's Relief Corps during this present year, because I have spent many pleasant hours with your members in social affairs, and I have much reason for having a high regard for them individually as well as an organization. I thank you very much. I thank you on behalf of the Department for your contribution, and to have this gentleman over there (indicating Comrade Turner) announce the amount of the gift so that the comrades can express their appreciation.

"On my own behalf, I can only express my deep appreciation and thanks for your gift to me personally, and may I also express the sincere thanks of Mrs. Bishop."

Mrs. Manning: "I meant to say how grateful I was for the signal honor you gave to me this morning in permitting the Commander of my own home Post to escort me into the hall. I appreciate that." (Applause.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: "Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to announce that the gift from the Woman's Relief Corps is a check for \$200." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We want to thank you again, Mrs. Manning."

Mrs. May G. Lincoln, National President: "Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Department of Massachusetts, beloved comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, boys who fought to defend us, we will

never forget the tribute of glory due to you heroes. You have heard the most excellent report of the President of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, and I think from the splendid report that she has just rendered to you, I am safe in saying that you will never find the Woman's Relief Corps wanting. For fifty-five years they have administered to your wants. For fifty-one years the Woman's Relief Corps has been the accepted Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have not only found it our duty to administer to the Grand Army and their dependent ones, but we have found it to be a labor of love, and we are attempting in a humble way to make a partial payment on an unpayable debt of love and gratitude. If we have been worthy of the honor of being the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, you are to be our judge. We had a splendid meeting here in this historical hall this morning. Maybe your numbers are few, but you are an earnest body of men, and you are coming here to exchange the comradeship of your other days with one another. You have the honor of having your Commander-in-Chief with you, which is an honor that will be a pleasant memory to you as you return to your homes. I know you are busy. We are also anxious to return to our own convention, and so I will just say to you, may God bless you, may God keep you, and guide you in your days to come." (Applause.)

Mrs. Aldena Howes: "Commander and comrades, the hour is very late and you have work that you want to do here, and we also have work to do so that we must get back to our convention, but I just want to say that I deem it a great privilege and an honor to be allowed to come to this Convention. This is the first time I have ever come to the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment. I deeply appreciate the honor, and it was a great privilege for me to have one of my own Post comrades escort me into the hall, Comrade Mitchell. I thank you for your courtesy, and I do hope that you will have many more successful conventions." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We wish to assure you of our high regard for your very able work among the Grand Army of the Republic members, and whenever you come here you may be quite sure that our able Secretary will select someone from your own Post whenever it is possible to do so."

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Blake: "Comrades of the Convention, our National President has said 'Beloved comrades,' and when I tell you that my father served with you in the 24th Maine, Company F, you will know that you are very dear to me, and I wish for you the greatest possible success. I thank you." (Applause.)

Mrs. Joanna R. O'Connell: "Commander Bishop and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, my own Commander of Post 11, I feel greatly honored in being allowed to come to see you today, and more in being allowed to speak to you. I can only say that if there is anything I can do at any time, anywhere, in my power, I will always do it for the Grand Army of the Republic." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "It is a very wonderful association that we have here. I have never appreciated until now the various visits from the different organizations, and the universality of sentiment which it represents, and the knowledge of the work which you are always doing to hold up and sustain the Grand Army of the Republic. It all goes to make us happy to think that in the not too distant future you will be completely sustaining these various activities which we seek to have you carry on through your organizations. We appreciate all the good work you have done, and personally I want to extend my heartiest thanks and congratulations to you, the Woman's Relief Corps, for extending to me during the past year when I have had many occasions to meet you, all the courtesies which you have offered me. I thank you very much."

Mrs. Manning: "I just want to say to you, comrades, that we would like to have every one of you who can come over to the Camp Fire tonight at the Hotel Statler and there will be a seat for every one of you."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, there is a delegation at the outpost from the Daughters of Union Veterans, two in number."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Robinson and Comrade O'Reilly, you will report to the outpost and escort the delegates to the platform."

(The delegation of the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War were then escorted to the platform.)



Commander Bishop: "Comrades, we have here a delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Elsie Mosher and Mrs. Grace Dow."

Mrs. Elsie Mosher: "Comrades, I have brought greetings to you from our tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I would like to know if Senior Vice-Commander-elect Green could be escorted to the platform."

(Comrade Green is then escorted to the platform.)

Mrs. Mosher: "Comrade Green, as President of Betsy Ross Tent 31, I congratulate you on being elected Senior Vice-Commander of the Massachusetts Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, and please accept these few flowers from the girls of Tent 31."

Comrade Green: "Well, this is entirely unexpected, but I assure you I certainly do appreciate it. I want you to thank Tent 31 for me, and tell them that they certainly all have my best wishes and love."

Mrs. Mosher: "Sister Emerson was coming today, but she could not be with us here, so Sister Dow has come with me to bring the greetings from our Tent to you."

Mrs. Grace Dow: "Sister Mosher is bigger than I am, but she was afraid of Comrade Green, and I just came along as moral support."

Commander Bishop: "There is no need to have any fear of the comrades. They are all perfectly safe."

Mrs. Mosher: "Well I thank you for allowing me to intrude upon your meeting in this way. We will go right along now."

Commander Bishop: "Well, that is all right, we have ample time. We are just taking matters as they come and waiting for the Commander-in-Chief to put in his appearance here."

Mrs. Mosher: "Well, you probably have more delegations waiting, so we will go right along to our own Convention now."

Officer of the Day: "Commander, there is at the outpost a delegation from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, two in number."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Bachelder and Comrade Boyd, you will proceed to the outpost and escort the delegates from United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary to the platform."

(The delegation from the United Spanish War Veterans' Auxiliary was then escorted to the platform.)

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Annie Fitch, Department President, and Mrs. Alice M. Henderson, Department Senior Vice-President, the delegation from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary."

Mrs. Fitch: "Department Commander and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. It gives me great pleasure to come here this morning and extend to you and to the assembly the greetings of the Department of Massachusetts, National Auxiliary of the Spanish War Veterans. I wish for you a very happy and successful Convention, and I take pleasure, on behalf of the Department I represent, of presenting to you, Commander, this little token (presenting gift).

We wish you health, we wish you wealth,  
We wish you gold in store.  
We wish you years of happiness,  
What could we wish you more?"

(Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Mrs. Fitch, your good will and friendly contact that you have given to us on all occasions are very pleasing to us."

Mrs. Fitch: "We are very happy to extend that good-will, and I can assure you that we will always co-operate with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps. I have had many happy days with your Department President this past year, and I assure you of our continued co-operation."

Commander Bishop: "I am very gratified to have you visit us, and especially as representing the Spanish War Veterans. We have not been in as close alliance with them as an organization, as I personally would have liked to be. I have a great regard for that organization. I have been to their meetings, and have collaborated with them on several occasions. For that reason, I am very happy to welcome you here today as representing them."

Mrs. Henderson: "Commander and comrades, I cannot bring you the greetings of our Department, because our Department President has just extended them, but I would like to express my own personal greetings, and I would like to tell you of a little incident that happened last Memorial Day. I was detailed to visit the schools, and I told the children among other things that I was very glad I lived when I did, because while they today are fortunate in having radios, automobiles, airplanes, and many things that I did not have, I have the fond memory of the Grand Army of the Republic visiting the schools in large numbers, which was a memory the children today did not have, and I feel that those visits back when I was going to school instilled in me great lessons of patriotism. And I believe that was the inspiration that the Grand Army of the Republic gave me when I was a child, and I shall always cherish those memories." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "I am more pleased with having you make that statement, than almost anything you could say, because it coincides so admirably with the idea I had formed of accentuating as much as possible historically the relations of the Grand Army with the body politic in general, and with especial reference to those young minds which have been educated along patriotic lines. I have spoken in high schools in Quincy for several years now on the day preceding Memorial Day, and I have been so impressed with the ardor with which remarks by some members of the Grand Army of the Republic have been received that it has remained in my memory, and brought me to a conclusion in my mind that I voiced at the last meeting before the organization at St. Paul, Minnesota, to the Council of Administration, and that was that for historical reasons it would be wise to hold our Encampment in 1935 in Washington, so that that might go down as history that seventy years after the great parade in Washington where it took two days for the Army of the Republic to march down Pennsylvania Avenue, that we, the remnants, just as strong in our devotion to the country after these many years, just as anxious to be of service still, should hold our meeting there at that time, the principal reason being the effect it would have educationally upon the school children of the country. It would be a historical reference to the fact that an organization of this character, after seventy years of existence, could repeat a historic event. I thank you." (Applause.)

Comrade Green: "Commander, at this time I want to make a motion that this Convention rise and extend a vote of thanks to Joseph P. Doyle of Camp 14, of Cambridge, for his work in assisting the comrades to hold this Convention."

Comrade Jackson: "I second the motion."

(Upon motion duly made and seconded, the members gave the rising vote of thanks.)

Commander Bishop: "We have performed our duty to date, and now we are expecting the Commander-in-Chief to put in his appearance. We have arrived at the time of installation of officers. We will wait a few moments longer to see if he comes.

"There is an interval here now. You have heard something said by the Senior Vice-Commander-Elect. Now I think it would be perfectly in order and very wise for the Junior Vice-Commander-Elect to stand on his feet and say how pleased he is that the Grand Army has voted him this honor."

Junior Vice-Commander-Elect Robinson: "Commander, and comrades, I want to tell you that I am very grateful to you for honoring me by electing me to the position of Junior Vice-Commander of the Department. I want to tell you that I have been a member of the Grand Army for about sixty-five years. I joined Post 11 in Charlestown when it was situated on Union Street, and it was one of the first Posts.

"I am going to tell you a story that might interest you. In 1860, comrades, I was a pupil in the Winthrop School in Charlestown, Mass. We had come to that city in the month of June of that year. There was living one last survivor of the Battle of Bunker Hill. His name was Ralph Farnum. He was 104 years of age that year, but he died before the year was over. The children of all the public schools marched to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds, and we stood in line on both sides of the path clear up and around the monument. The old gentleman was a guest of the city. He arrived with the Mayor and the President of the

Board of Aldermen. They assisted him from the carriage, and while walking up the path, they stopped to let the old gentleman rest, and while resting, he shook hands with some of us boys.

"Now that hand (indicating his right hand), has clasped the hand of the last survivor of the Battle of Bunker Hill. So you see, comrades, we are a young nation compared to the nations of the Old World. Just a span of two lives, Ralph Farnum's and mine, since the birth of this nation has taken place. And what a nation we have become. We are one of the mightiest of the earth. Great vessels ride majestically over oceans, carrying cargoes to and fro into every port of the world. Magnificent cities cover the hillsides and the plains. Her great desert has blossomed like a garden. Her mines have yielded untold wealth, and all this has been brought about by the labor and the sacrifices of the men and women who have gone before us.

"But in my boyhood days this nation had a cancer eating at its heart. There was a cry going up from a race that was held in bondage. God brought forth a man, born in obscurity, in poverty, in a lone shack that had the skins of wild beasts of the forest hanging up to keep out the bite and frost of winter at the time of his birth. To my mind he was one of the greatest men who ever walked this earth, and there never was but one greater, and he was born in a manger in Bethlehem in Judea. He died to make men holy. Abraham Lincoln died to make men free.

"I was one of Abraham Lincoln's soldier boys, two enlistments; wounded on the 15th day of December, 1862, nine days before I was 17 years old. When the war was over, we came home and we formed this organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, one of the grandest organizations that has ever been in existence. It has not only been a patriotic organization, but a fraternal organization. Friendship has been our motto, down through all these years.

Be a friend. You don't need money;  
Just a disposition sunny;  
Just the wish to help another  
Get along some way or other;  
Just a kindly hand extended  
Out to one who's unbefriended;  
Just the will to give or lend,  
This will make you someone's friend.

Be a friend. You don't need glory.  
Friendship is a simple story.  
Pass by trifling errors blindly,  
Gaze on honest efforts kindly,  
Cheer the youth who's bravely trying,  
Pity him who's sadly sighing;  
Just a little labor spend  
On the duties of a friend.

Be a friend. The pay is bigger  
(Though not written by a figure)  
Than is earned by people clever  
In what's merely self-endeavor.  
You'll have friends instead of neighbors  
For the profits of your labors;  
You'll be richer in the end  
Than a prince, if you're a friend.

"Now appreciation goes right along with friendship.

Life's a bully good game with its kicks and cuffs —  
Some smile, some laugh, some bluff;  
Some carry a load too heavy to bear  
While some push on with never a care,  
But the load will seldom heavy be  
When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.



He who lives by the side of the road  
 And helps to bear his brother's load  
 May seem to travel lone and long  
 While the world goes by with a merry song,  
 But the heart grows warm and sorrows flee  
 When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

When I appreciate you and you appreciate me,  
 The road seems short to victory;  
 It buoys one up and calls "Come on,"  
 And days grow brighter with the dawn;  
 There is no doubt or mystery  
 When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

It's the greatest thought in heaven or earth —  
 It helps us know our fellow's worth;  
 There'd be no wars or bitterness,  
 No fear, no hate, no grasping; yes,  
 It makes work play, and the careworn free  
 When I appreciate you and you appreciate me.

"I thank you." (Applause.)

Officer of the Day: "Commander, the Commander-in-Chief is at the outpost."

Commander Bishop: "Comrade Snow and Comrade Longerdyke, you will report to the outpost and escort the Commander-in-Chief to the platform."

(All rise and applaud as the Commander-in-Chief is escorted to the platform.)

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander Bishop: "Comrades, we have now arrived at the time for installation of officers. We have the great honor and privilege and pleasure of having the Commander and the other officers of this Department installed by Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Comrade Webb: "All our elected officers who are present will now take their positions on the platform immediately so that we may proceed with the installation. The Assistant Adjutant-General will now read the names of the officers-elect."

Assistant Adjutant-General Turner: (Reading)

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| <i>Commander</i>             | . | . | . | . | GEORGE A. GAY       |
| <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i> | . | . | . | . | GEORGE W. GREEN     |
| <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i> | . | . | . | . | CHARLES L. ROBINSON |
| <i>Medical Director</i>      | . | . | . | . | JOHN GILBERT, M. D. |
| <i>Chaplain</i>              | . | . | . | . | JAMES S. MITCHELL   |

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Comrades, each one of you, with the exception of the Chaplain, will now raise your right hand and take the obligation of your office."

(Whereupon the obligation of office was administered by the Commander-in-Chief acting as installing officer.)

Commander-Elect Gay: "These comrades have been named as appointive officers:

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| <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>      | . | . | . | . | FREDERICK H. BISHOP |
| <i>Assistant Quartermaster General</i> | . | . | . | . | FREDERICK H. BISHOP |
| <i>Judge Advocate</i>                  | . | . | . | . | DUDLEY L. PAGE      |
| <i>Inspector</i>                       | . | . | . | . | OTIS A. MERRILL     |
| <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>         | . | . | . | . | HIRAM S. FAUNCE     |
| <i>Patriotic Instructor</i>            | . | . | . | . | JOHN E. BRONSON     |
| <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>                  | . | . | . | . | JOSEPH F. STODDARD  |
| <i>Department Secretary</i>            | . | . | . | . | HELEN A. PHINNEY"   |

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Now, whatever positions here are not filled, this Past Department Commander (indicating Commander Bishop) has authority to install them at any time.

"Now you spoke of this lady." (Indicating Mrs. Phinney.)

Mrs. Phinney: "No, I am not supposed to be installed, —"

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "No, I don't want to say that, but I would like to take you by the hand and I would like to walk you up here. (Leading Mrs. Phinney to the center of the platform.)

"Comrades, I wish to thank this Daughter here, the one who is ready and willing always to work for the Grand Army of the Republic, as all the members of the other organizations are. We are proud of you, and we are proud of all these other organizations, too, for keeping the Grand Army of the Republic alive. We understand our frailties. We understand that we can't do what we used to do, and we have to take the younger generation, and these ladies who are willing to come and do this work to help us out, who are delighted to do it, and so I want to bring this young lady up here and tell her that I am proud of her just as much as you are, and I want to thank her for her splendid work for the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic."

Mrs. Helen Phinney: "Commander-in-Chief, may I say to you that I appreciate very much the kind words you have said to me. I have served this Department for several years. This will be my ninth year as Secretary to the Department of Massachusetts. I have given to the comrades the best I have had to give, and I only hope that my strength will hold out so that I can continue for a long time. I am proud to say also that I was National Secretary for our Past Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Foster."

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "I just want you to know that the Grand Army of the Republic in general, as well as this Department, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic are proud of you."

Mrs. Phinney: "Thank you, Commander-in-Chief." (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "I now have the pleasure to declare these officers officially installed and responsible for the conduct of this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic." (Applause.)

Comrade Bishop: (Addressing Commander Gay.) "Mr. Commander, I want to place in your hands this gavel, the emblem of your authority in the performance of your duty. You have been elected by your comrades and duly installed as Commander of this Department. Comrades of the Department, I present to you the officers of your choice." (Applause.)

Commander Gay: "Comrades, I just want to say one word before we close this meeting, and that is this. I probably will not make as good a Commander as you have been having. But I pledge you this, that I will try to be honest with you, and I will try to love you all, as I know you feel that way towards me. I know that I have got a good backer with Mrs. Phinney behind me. You know, comrades, I love to express somewhere nearly where I stand, and I pledge you that I will be loyal to you. I thank you." (Applause.)

Comrade Bishop: "I wish to extend to every member of the Department of Massachusetts that I have met at any time at any place, my thanks for the kindness, the co-operation, the courtesy, that they have extended to me, the way they have overlooked my faults, and condoned them, and the splendid support they have given me during the past year." (Applause.)

Commander Gay: "Now, if there is no more business to come before this meeting we will just simply adjourn the meeting."

(The meeting adjourned at 1.25 p. m.)

#### PRESENTATION TO COMMANDER-ELECT GEORGE A. GAY

During the luncheon, a delegation of ladies presented Commander-elect George A. Gay with a bouquet of flowers from Samuel F. Wood Circle No. 27, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Barre, Mass.

The delegation consisted of: Mrs. Mary A. Rich, President of the Circle; Mrs. Theodore Redfern, National Registrar; Mrs. Esther Gross, Boston Circle; and Mrs. Edith Pearson, Dorchester Circle.

President Rich: "Commander-elect Gay, since you have been assigned to our Circle No. 27 of Barre, we have all come to admire you and love you dearly. It was the desire of all the Sisters of the Circle that we should take some action in recognition of the recent honor which has been bestowed upon you, and I now have the sincere pleasure of presenting to you this bouquet of flowers from the Samuel F. Wood Circle, No. 27, of Barre, as a token of our esteem and affection for you, and

with all our good wishes for a happy and successful year as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander-elect Gay: "Well, now, I certainly want to thank you for these beautiful flowers. You know, the Good Book says that we must all love one another. If there is anybody in the world who deserves love, it is the dear ladies of our affiliated organizations, and will you please extend to the Sisters of your Circle my sincere thanks and deep appreciation of this handsome bouquet of flowers."

President Rich: "I shall do that, Commander Gay."

### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The annual banquet of the Massachusetts Department was held at the American House, Boston.

Commander Bishop: "You will all give attention to the Department Chaplain now, please." (All rise while Department Chaplain Mitchell delivers the following invocation.)

Chaplain Mitchell: "We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for having permitted so goodly a number of comrades of former days to assemble here, and as we partake of this bounteous fare, we do so with grateful hearts; and may this food strengthen us so that it will enable us to go on and fulfill our duties. Bless all those for whom we pray at this time, oh Lord. We ask it for Christ's sake. Amen."

(Following the dinner the exercises were opened by Commander Bishop who presided as toastmaster.)

Commander Bishop: "This annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, is a time when we get together socially with none of the cares and troubles and hard work of the Department to hinder us, and we can take all of the time that we really desire for social intercourse, passing compliments, listening to the friends who have come here to tell us of the past glories of various organizations as well as that of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in all, to have a jolly good time. I am very glad to welcome so many here today, and I believe you will all feel that this meeting of the Department has been a great success. I am very much pleased with the outcome.

"During the past year I have had occasion to come in contact with many of our Posts and the Council of Administration, as well as our regular meetings, and although I am very glad to be relieved of the work, in leaving the position I really have a feeling of regret that I won't come in contact so closely with the members of the organization as I have during the past year.

"We have some men here today who are capable of speech-making, as I am not, so I am very glad to introduce them to you with proper titles so far as I know them.

"We have a most admirable Governor, as you are aware. He has done some very fine work, but like all men in high positions, he is not able to do everything himself. He has a wonderful corps of assistants, and among them he has one upon whom he relies to be his right-hand man in conveying regards or excuses to the various organizations that want the Governor, desire the Governor, but are quite willing to grasp the hand and receive the compliments of the man he selects to represent him. This gentleman is a man I do not need to introduce to you. He has been here before to represent the Governor, but I will tell you his name and give you his title so that you may not forget it. Mr. DeWitt C. DeWolf, right-hand man to Governor Ely." (All rise and applaud.)

Mr. DeWitt C. DeWolf: "Mr. Toastmaster, National Commander-in-Chief, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and you who are gathered here today to honor them, all my life it has been a pleasure to meet the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. My childhood days were made happy by singing the songs of old Civil War days, 'Brave Boys,' 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic,' 'Just Before the Battle, Mother,' and others of that type. No such songs have ever been written since, and I doubt if ever such songs were written before.

"Whenever I meet a man who wears that modest brown button — I see them before me on all the members down both aisles here — I invariably remove my hat and remain uncovered in his presence, for I know that that man in the hour of the Nation's greatest peril bared his breast to the fire and roar of battle so that the Union flag might float in free air in the Western World.



"I have come here today because it is a pleasure to me to come, and I am here especially to convey the greetings of His Excellency the Governor, and to welcome you, Sir, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to welcome you all here.

"You know, many younger men would hesitate to cross the continent as the National Commander-in-Chief has done to attend this meeting, and yet when he came in to see the Governor yesterday, he looked as fresh as he could have looked twenty years ago. You wouldn't imagine he had travelled three thousand miles or more.

"And I found out then that he came originally from Vermont, so that he really is a New England man.

"The Governor is speaking this moment in the City of New York. If he were here, nothing would keep him from this meeting.

"I have told you the high regard I hold and have always held for you men. I want to say to you that I regret that our school books today say so little of your accomplishments. They ought to say a great deal more, but, unfortunately, there are many professional pacifists in this country, and I say to you today, without fear or favor, that they are as dangerous as the pestilence. (Applause.) These men ought to be driven from the temples of God where they deliver their speeches, because they are preaching nothing less than treason. In the last analysis, they would have the young men and young women of our nation declare themselves as pacifists and declare that under no circumstances will they bear arms, even if the President and the Congress of the United States calls upon them to defend the honor of our Nation. I say that men who preach that doctrine are dangerous, and they ought to be driven out, so that a purer air may greet the true followers of Him who said, 'Peace on earth, good-will to men.' Who said, 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's.' Who said, 'The strong man's arm keepeth his palace, his goods are at peace.' And who said, 'I came not to bring peace, but the sword'; and for nineteen centuries that prophecy has been fulfilled as has no other ever promulgated by God or man.

"I say to you that any man who does less than everything possible in his power to prevent war is not 100 per cent American, but after we have done all that, the fact still remains that there have been wars in all history and that there will be wars again. And I intend to do what I can to teach the young man of our Nation, of this generation, to follow your example and save the honor of the great Republic if the time comes when it becomes necessary. (Applause.)

"For 300 years we have shouted and sung, 'This is the land of the free' while we continued to sell our black men and women and their children to the highest bidder. No picture could be painted of the Republic in which the slave pen or the whipping post did not rear their heads. The music of the Nation was filled with the plaintive song of the slave. Columbia had impaired her proud form, stooping to hold the black man in the dust, but when Abraham Lincoln, sustained by the most loyal citizen-soldiery that ever marched forth to battle, struck the shackles from four millions of bondmen, they fell from your arms and from mine. God bless the memory of Abraham Lincoln. (Applause.) God give us more such men today.

"Nearly seventy years ago you men passed in review in Washington before that great personality, just a few days before he was to pass on to eternity. That day should never be forgotten, and it is the duty of our schoolmasters to teach it and to tell our children the debt they owe to you.

"Again, I welcome you in behalf of His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts. I welcome you all and in his behalf I bid you all Godspeed as you continue your journey." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Governor Ely has given us frequent illustrations of his ability as a Governor, not only in his conduct of public affairs but also in his selection of representatives to take his place where highly-spoken, properly enthusiastic words should be spoken, and he unquestionably selected just the right man to address this organization.

"The Governor of this State must, necessarily, be an extremely busy man, but there is another man at this time who perhaps has a greater load of responsibility, and some greater problems to solve than has Governor Ely. Mayor Mansfield of

this City cannot be present today because of his having so very much thought to be given to other matters. He has, however, sent to represent him a gentleman who will give us full information regarding the thoughts of the Mayor regarding this organization. I have the pleasure to present to you now the Secretary of Mayor Mansfield, Mr. William C. S. Healey." (Applause.)

Mr. William C. S. Healey: "Honored Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, I have the distinguished honor of representing the Mayor, Frederick W. Mansfield, on this occasion, but I have a greater honor, I think, in being permitted to address the men who saved the Republic of America.

"I bring a message from Mayor Mansfield welcoming the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic from the shores of the Pacific almost to within the shade of the shaft at Bunker Hill. And I also extend the greetings of Mayor Mansfield to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic who live within the borders of Massachusetts.

"Boston is proud of its monuments in bronze, in marble, and in granite, but Boston is doubly proud today because of the eighty-odd men of the Grand Army of the Republic who are here in flesh and blood who fought to save this great country of ours.

"I well remember what the representative of the Governor said, that perhaps our school books do not portray vividly some of the things that the Grand Army of the Republic did, but there are some incidents in my mind that carry me back to my school days. For instance, there is Keenan's charge, you remember. You remember reading about that celebrated poem, that charge at Balaklava where 600 men went against the united forces, you might say, of the enemy. Yet 300 men, I think of the 62d Pennsylvania Regiment, as the South came out somewhere in the vicinity of the Wilderness, 10,000 strong, 300 men, on horse, faced them and Keenan said, 'Charge those men!' and the answer came back, 'I know that means death, but I will answer the call.'

"And sometimes when I go into the Naturalization Court and I hear them questioning the applicant as to who is the Governor of this State, and who is the President of the United States, and what is the power of Congress, I think it would be better to ask that applicant if he ever read anything about the Battle of the Wilderness, where men fought hand to hand, yard to yard, there within a wood where perhaps no man could see more than fifteen feet ahead of him, with a fire breaking out behind, and a new fire ahead, where men gave up their lives by the thousands. And I would ask those men who would become citizens of the United States if they had ever read of the Bloody Angle, and if they had ever read of Joe Hooker when he went up on top of Lookout Mountain and fought in the clouds, and I see some men here if my memory serves me right, who were in some of those desperate battles.

"Ah, the record of the Grand Army of the Republic! No history can ever be written that will describe vividly enough the courage of those men who wore the uniform of the North. No pen can describe vividly enough the horrors that they suffered in the prisons of the South. No orator can speak English words that can draw to your attention those bloody battles in which men gave up their blood and their limbs and their lives for the sake of a cause.

"It was well said by a great American that this country could never live half slave and half free. And that war settled that question, but it settled more than that. It settled for all time that free men could endure under one flag where slavery would never again set its seal.

"But here, gathered at this festive board, sit eighty or more men who see the results of their tribulation. From a small nation your country has grown to be the greatest in history. Small hamlets have grown into great cities and there you see the steel mills and the iron mills and the automobile plants, and there you find that the Atlantic is bound to the Pacific by the greatest railroads in history.

"You find your telephone and your radio, and now you find your flying machines from coast to coast. And that has happened only because there were over a million of men who fought to save this country.

"I am very glad to be here today. It is not only an honor to represent Mayor Mansfield, but it is a greater honor to come and speak to the Grand Army of the



Republic and so today, Commander of the Massachusetts Department, and National Commander-in-Chief, I bring you the sincere greetings of the Hon. Frederick W. Mansfield, Mayor of Boston, and may your years yet be many, because America loves you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We have listened with very much interest to your remarks, and our thanks are embodied in the request that you will convey to Mayor Mansfield our expression of gratitude for having detailed you to represent him. Probably you have done far better in your address here than a majority of men would do. We appreciate that. We appreciate your coming and we are very glad to have you with us. (Applause.)

"Men come and men go, but it is very seldom that we are able to take by the hand a man who is traveling a majority of the time and hold him at our disposal for several days while he gives unqualified service in explaining to us our duties, our responsibilities, and what lies before us yet in the future for the building up, because we have not yet stopped building up in this country a reverence for law and order, a belief in the country, and the work that has been done to maintain it. I ask you to all rise and welcome the National Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic." (All rise and applaud.)

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin: "Mr. Toastmaster and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, we welcome our distinguished guests who are here today. We like to have them with us. They come after us to a certain extent, but in these meetings that we are having, we are having them to do the work of our order, and after that is done we like to sit down and tell our stories, tell of our deeds, tell of the great things that we have done, and if we don't look out, after we tell them a long time, we will believe them.

"It doesn't make any difference, we feel just the same, and to these younger veterans, we are favorable to them, and to them, too, I would like to bring the greetings and the love and the affection of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

"I was privileged to be Commandant of our State Veterans' Home for six years, and to come in very close contact and companionship with all of the veterans of all wars, and a good deal more than that, to come in touch with the families of many of them, and I have come to love every veteran that has served his country. I don't wish to weary you with talk, because there are others who wish to talk also, but when I took charge of the Home, I had been in the Home but once or twice and didn't know anybody on the grounds, and only barely one or two of the directors, and those boys who were in there said: 'Well, here comes another Civil War veteran and we won't get anything now.' (Laughter.) They said, 'The Civil War will get it all.'

"No, nothing doing, nothing to it. I hadn't been there many days before I called a meeting and got them all, as many as we could get, into the hall. And I told them that my idea of service to this country was that when a man raised his right hand and swore allegiance to the United States of America, he had given his body and soul to the Government, and it was up to the Government what he should do, whether he should serve one month or ten months or ten years. It was all the same. It was what he had agreed to do, and if he hadn't served very long, yet he had done the right thing and had the distinction of service because he had given himself. And everyone who was in that Home or who would come into that Home who had seen service, would get the same treatment and it was with that idea that service was given to everyone who was there, the best we knew how to do it.

"And to these younger generations, I wish to say that we are proud of them, we are proud of the service they have given.

"I have been an Honorary Member of the Roosevelt Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans for thirty years. I am an Honorary Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Edgar D. Green Post 1020 since 1922, and these different organizations are just as dear to me as others are. They have rendered the same service, they have offered themselves in the same way, and I want to say this because I am proud of it, that I am happy to be an Honorary Member of your organization.

"But coming to our own Grand Army of the Republic, they were the originals, and when we come to these meetings we like to talk about what we have done,



and the older I get, and the longer we tell these stories, the more we believe them, and it is a pleasure to do this. We are just in the height of our glory when we can sit down with one, two, or three of our comrades and tell each other these stories. It is hard to stop us from doing that.

"I have come all the way across this country with a love of these comrades in my heart, and I have wanted to see them, not to talk to you as we are talking here, but to have the opportunity of getting you by your hands and looking into your faces and giving something of this love to you that you are giving to me. And we become one. So today, I am proud of New England. I always have been and I always shall be, and as I am going over the country and anybody wants to know where I was born, I say with pride that I was born in Vermont. And I shall be proud of it whether I go to any other part of the land or any place else.

"Not only that, but all of you comrades know there were certain photographs and memories placed on the kaleidoscope of your brain that come back to you. They come back to you all through your life. It doesn't make any difference whether you are in Europe or Africa, or on the other side of this country, sometimes you have a longing that you would like to go back and see these pictures again. They don't look the same when you do go back there and see them, but you are just as contented after you have gone over the old ground, whether it is just the same or not. It doesn't make any difference. You have been there, and that satisfies you for a while, and then you want to go back again.

"And this love of country is what is keeping us alive. And as these gentlemen have said, the love of our country is everything to us, and this country is not only good enough to live in, but it is good enough to die in and for the principles that we fought for.

"Speaking of the Grand Army of the Republic, I was in Washington at a meeting of the National Defense League. That is a ladies' meeting, and a man doesn't have very much to do with it; he just does what the ladies tell him to do and that isn't very much, because they don't care very much about us. They are conducting those meetings, and they know it, too.

"They had a banquet the last evening of the four days' sessions in which they did some wonderful practical work, and I was one of their distinguished guests at the banquet who was placed at a long table like this here only that it would seat fifty or more. There were probably eight or nine hundred at that banquet and the distinguished guests were sitting at this long table, and there was nobody talking, that is 'speechifying,' only those who were on the program, and there were only three of them.

"Now at this table were seated Senators, Congressmen, Admirals and Generals, and all the 'high-ups' that you could mention. There were fifty or so of them. Some were women and some were men, and they started up at the head of the table to introduce these distinguished guests. They were not to talk, but just stand up and be introduced.

"So they came down the line, and there wasn't a single hand clap, not one, as they came down. These people just stood up and were introduced and sat down again. Finally they came down past the President of the organization, to the Grand Army of the Republic. Then the President introduced me as the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army and every person in that room rose and shouted and clapped their hands, and it was three or four minutes before the place was quieted down so that they could go on with their work. And that was the only ovation or only sound that was emitted from one end of that table to the other where were seated these fifty-odd distinguished guests. And that is what they thought of the Grand Army. I thought that was one of the finest demonstrations of the love of this varied crowd that was together there from all over the United States, the way they showed this distinguished honor to the Grand Army of the Republic.

"And to these distinguished guests who are here and to all those who are present, I want to say that I am delighted to be here, and that I have had the opportunity to come across this country and to visit with the others while I am here; I probably won't have a chance again this year to come to see you, but some other day I shall come back, if the Lord will allow me that privilege, and we will join again in

these festivities, and I should call it the greatest gathering on earth. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "I should like to give you an explanation of the reason, and also a compliment to the National Assembly of the Grand Army of the Republic for putting a man in the place of Commander-in-Chief who understood the Grand Army of the Republic, its basis, its purposes, and what it should stand for, and who could go all over the country proclaiming that in such form as to attract not only the attention, but also the acquiescence of all people for whom he speaks. We are complimented. We are honored by having him with us today as our guest."

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Thank you very much, Commander."

Commander Bishop: "I was very glad to hear the Commander-in-Chief speak as he did with regard to the Spanish War veterans, as I have preached in my limited way very similar ideas, believing that the Spanish War veterans have never had accorded to them the praise that they should have to balance the work that they did and the result that was achieved by their efforts."

"The Spanish War in Cuba was of relatively short duration. The Spanish War in the Philippines, however, was an entirely different story, and there was the hardest, most destructive method of fighting that any soldier in the armies of the United States have undergone for a period of that length of time, and they have never been properly, in my opinion, fully appreciated, and repaid. I am very strongly in favor of the development of all the associations we can with the Spanish War veterans, and as they pass into the position that we occupy today, I hope that they will receive as much acquiescence and consultation and co-operation on the part of the body politic as we have received."

"We have today a representative of the Spanish War veterans, Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, John W. Ford." (Applause.)

Senior Vice-Commander Ford: "Mr. Toastmaster, National Commander-in-Chief, newly elected Commander Gay, comrades of the Department, it certainly gives me great pleasure and honor to be here today to take part with you in this closing ceremony of your encampment, and to see so many pleasant looking, as we call them, 'white heads' here today. And it makes me hope for our own organization, when our time comes and we have lived so long as to be enjoying our Sixty-Eighth Convention, that we will be as hearty and as healthy as you are today."

"Comrades, I am very thankful for the way in which the Toastmaster talked in regard to how the Spanish War veterans have been treated, but, as he says, we hope that we will some day come into our own."

"We, of course, were promised that we should follow in the same footsteps as the Grand Army of the Republic in receiving all benefits that they are receiving from the Government, but as it turned out we received quite different treatment, but we hope that at a later date we will receive our just reward."

"I have always been associated with the Grand Army of the Republic in every way I possibly could from my boyhood days. In fact, you were our teachers and our models to go by. It was through you that we had the inspiration of going out in 1898 to 1902 to perform the service which we could for our country and our flag wherever we were sent, whether it be to a climate to which none of our men were acclimated, or to other places."

"I wish to thank Comrade O'Reilly with whose Post I am associated in Cambridge. He has made me an Honorary Member of his Post a few years ago, and I prize that above anything outside of my own organization and the actual Grand Army of the Republic. And Comrades, I wish at this time to convey to you the greetings of my Department Commander. He could not be here today. That is why I am here."

"But I want to express my own personal greetings and the greetings of our Department of United Spanish War veterans."

"And to you, Sir, newly elected Commander, if the occasion arises when I shall be advanced in position, as I expect will occur this coming June, I pledge you my loyalty and continued support and that of all my Comrades. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "In dealing with military matters we pass over quite an interval, and that brings us to a war for making the whole world habitable for all



peoples. The American Legion is represented here today by Senior Vice-Commander James E. Conway." (Applause.)

Senior Vice-Commander James E. Conway: "Commander Bishop, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, newly elected Department Commander, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, words can't express to you on my part just how I feel here today. Years ago when I was just about able to walk, my hand was first raised in salute to an American flag by the hand of a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was my good fortune to live in the same home with a veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a member of Chelsea Post No. 35, Comrade John F. Wood, of East Boston.

"On Memorial Day it was my duty up through the years, even to my last year in grammar school, to be called out of my bed at an early hour on Memorial Day to go with him to our yard and raise with him the American flag. I believe it was the only flagstaff in East Boston of its size outside of the public flagstaffs. He was a very patriotic gentleman, and I honestly say to you today that whatever patriotic instincts were instilled into my body, were due to the efforts of a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I was again fortunate to have attended a school where the principal of that school was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a Past Department Commander of the State of Massachusetts, Mr. J. Willard Brown, a lovable old gentleman, and as I look over on the further side of the table here, I see that other grand old comrade of ours, we call him Joe Rossiter, the Commander of our Post in East Boston. He has turned out with us of the American Legion on many occasions.

"My last opportunity to associate with Commander Rossiter was at the launching of a boat here in the City of Boston to the memory of one of our fine Legionnaires, the late Comrade Matthew Boyle, and on that occasion, Comrade Rossiter was just as spry as any of the rest of us. And I believe he was keeping a secret from us at the time, also, because we asked him, of course, how he was feeling, and he replied he felt fine, that he never felt better in his life. And lo and behold, a few weeks later we read in the papers that he had taken unto himself a wife.

"But as I say, personally this is an occasion that I had never hoped to have attained, that is, the privilege of representing the American Legion at a gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is indeed a privilege, comrades, and I want to say to you on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, American Legion, that we extend a welcome hand to your National Commander, and a welcome home, I might say. And I want to say that we will continue to look toward your organization with the same ideals of respect and devotion and love that has been our privilege through the past years.

"I also want to take this opportunity to express publicly to you comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic our feelings with regard to an editorial in one of the Boston daily papers only within the last few days. I have in my hand a copy of that editorial (meaning a paper) which, on the 31st day of March, chose to print an editorial entitled 'Veterans, what next?' And in the body of that editorial, the following quotation is made:

'The history of the Grand Army of the Republic's interest in the Federal Treasury gives us a clew on what next to expect, for a close parallel exists between the peace-time campaign of the Civil War veterans and those of their successors.'

"Yes, —, there does exist a close parallel, and the American Legion will continue the peace-time campaign of the Grand Army of the Republic in behalf of those of her comrades who are not able to help themselves. (Applause.) That is our answer to a gratuitous insult to the men who wear the blue of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"That is all I will have to say in that respect. You comrades of ours know that what we ask is only just. They would have the general public believe that whatever increases were given to the World War veterans in the last piece of legislation effected by Congress would have put back on the rolls men who are not actually disabled in service. They would have the public believe that \$228,000,000 over and above the budget which was appropriated in the Act, was to be expended on



veterans alone. They would have the public believe that payment in full of the bonus was to be the result of that legislation by that very quotation, 'But full payment of the bonus would not, you may be sure, satisfy the veterans permanently.'

"And there are many here, I would not doubt in the least, who think the veterans bonus measure has already been passed and was going to be paid to the veterans. Many inquiries have been made of us as to how payment was going to be made by persons who did not understand, and who, by reading the public press, had felt that these payments were to be made. Of that \$228,000,000, there was but \$83,000,000 to be spent on veterans, and that included the veterans of the Spanish War and veterans of the World War. It was but the replacement of many men who were unjustly taken from the rolls one year ago who, with one stroke of the pen, had privileges taken away from them that a Congress some ten years ago had seen fit to award them after due deliberation and testimony of medical experts from all over this Nation of ours.

"Now I will not bore you any further with such remarks, but I again want to say to you that we of the American Legion will ever hold dear in our hearts and minds your ideals, the ideals of your organization and the tribulations that you went through during your service in a war which saved America. I thank you." (Applause.)

National Commander-in-Chief Martin: "May I say just a word, Commander?"  
Commander Bishop: "You certainly may, Commander."

National Commander-in-Chief Martin: "To this comrade of the American Legion I would like to say that last year at the American Legion National Convention the Grand Army of the Republic was honored by them with an invitation from Commander-in-Chief Johnson for our Commander to be their distinguished guest during the National Convention from October 2 to October 6 in Chicago, which we accepted, with the greatest respect and love and reverence for the World War veterans and the American Legion. And I want to say that we were shown every courtesy that could possibly be shown by their body to us as distinguished guests. And one of the particular thrills that came to me was that we had set aside for us an automobile, a driver, and an escort for the four days, and my pal there, if we could call him that, was General Lee of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who was the Adjutant-General of the National Encampment of the Confederate Veterans, and we were together all that time, and we were taken everywhere and every place and anywhere that we wanted to go or where anything was going on at the Convention. We were taken to the Greetings Day ceremonies in the forenoon and noontime, where President Roosevelt spoke, and the next day at the parade they had this escort to look after us and to see that we had something to eat, and we were taken back and forth to the banquets at night, and everywhere that we wanted to go. And we were certainly highly pleased. It was an honor which had never been given to the Grand Army of the Republic before, and we appreciated it, and I want to say to you here as we are in encampment here in the Department of Massachusetts, that there is a fine spirit of love and friendship that remains between the American Legion and the Grand Army of the Republic." (Applause.)

Vice-Commander Conway: "Thank you very much, Commander." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Unlike the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, instead of being solidified into one organization, representations of the overseas men are along two or three different lines. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, while they travel the same road, differ slightly to a degree from the other organizations, and it is therefore a great pleasure to us to have with us today the Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Walter Howard." (Applause.)

Commander Howard: "Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander, newly elected Department Commander and distinguished guests, comrades, and other official guests, and Secretary, Mrs. Phinney, it certainly is an honor and a privilege for me to come here this afternoon and bring the greetings of the Department of Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"It is certainly an inspiration to sit here and look at this wonderful gathering of such distinguished men. I want to assure you that the Veterans of Foreign Wars

consider it their duty to carry on those high ideals. Certainly, the traditions as laid down by you should be carried out by every veteran organization.

"In listening to the remarks of that good Secretary, Mr. DeWolf, regarding our school books and our school children, I agree this is indeed a serious question in the country today. And it is the duty of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to teach the youth of today those ideals laid down by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we want to assure you that as you men preserved this Union and made this country what it is today, if any of the Communists or other advocates of 'isms' here in this country today are not satisfied with the country as you men made it, then let them go back where they belong. And we as an organization will see that they go back.

"I just want to say in closing, Commander, that it has been a great pleasure for me as Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to go along with you during this year, and to your newly elected Commander I want to pledge my support during the rest of my term, and if at any time there is anything that we can do for your organization, you have but to call upon us. It was a great pleasure to come here and welcome your National Commander, and I certainly wish for him a long life and happiness.

"I would like to say just a word regarding the bonus question, because my comrade of the American Legion here, with whom we are closely affiliated, has just said a word to you regarding the recent enactment of laws for veterans.

"A great many people feel that the veterans should not receive the so-called bonus. And although I know you are interested in veterans' affairs, perhaps many of you have not bothered to study the actual bonus situation.

"Of the \$228,000,000 appropriated, \$125,000,000 is to be given to Federal employees, leaving \$103,000,000 to the veterans. In January the President vetoed \$21,000,000, leaving \$82,000,000, and of that \$82,000,000 in his veto message he states that he was giving \$51,000,000 to the Spanish American War veterans, so that leaves \$31,000,000 for the World War veterans. I am just merely reciting those figures to you, because, as my good comrade here told you, a wrong impression has been given out to the public through the press, which prints mostly only one side of the story.

"Now, \$31,000,000 is the actual figure allotted to the World War veterans over what we would say is the President's veto, — \$31,000,000.

"In closing, I want to wish you and the rest of your comrades the best of health, and sincerely trust that you will all be at this gathering again a year from today." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "We are very glad to have representations from the various military organizations and local corps, and we would be very glad now to have Major E. S. Linthicum, of the United States Medical Corps, speak to us." (Applause.)

Major E. S. Linthicum: "Department Commander, National Commander, newly elected Commander and fellow soldiers, I don't know exactly what to talk about, but I am going to tell you some of the conclusions and studies that the regular Army has made in which we teach, or rather which we teach in our service school today, some conclusions that were drawn from your war, from the Civil War.

"I think I told you gentlemen last year that I found it necessary in my capacity up here as Instructor with the National Guard, to keep a general map of the Gettysburg area exposed on my wall all the time. I am referring to it continually.

"Gentlemen, you people made history, military history, and I just want to call to your mind some of the things that you brought out in that war.

"Your National Commander said that you talk a lot about your exploits. I wonder if you actually realize what was developed in the Civil War? In the first place, the element of surprise and of safety were so clearly brought out and exemplified that one sees very clearly the necessity for such actions. You instituted, or least had, the first observation balloon, which any nation had ever used at that time. You used a rifled rifle, later on the breech-loading rifle. You developed for that war and used for the first time I think at Gettysburg, which was in the last days of the war, of course, a rifled cannon, which was also a breechloader.

"The mass of artillery fire and the concentration of fire which you put down at Gettysburg is an example which no army of today can afford to overlook. The



cavalry action, in flanking and securing the flank and observation and reconnaissance has never been surpassed. The armies, not only of the United States, but of the world, use that as an example of proper cavalry leadership today.

"I believe that someone told me that the National Commander was in the cavalry exploit on the left of the Union lines at Gettysburg. That, together with the cavalry action at the opening day of the battle at Willoughby Run, why, there may be no finer cavalry action than that that the world has ever seen, and that includes the action of Allenby's men in Palestine. It showed the world the use of cavalry.

"Going again to signaling devices, the heliograph was used for conveying messages. And then there is the matter of ironclad battleships, where after the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac at Hampton Roads, the Lord High Admiral of the British Navy said, 'This day the navies of the world are scrapped.' I mean at that time, you in the Civil War brought about a new kind of ship, and if I go on to my own corps, I will say that the first field hospitals that the world had ever known were introduced and used in the Civil War.

"I have great cognizance of many monuments that are around Gettysburg today. I hope to see more of them around the Wilderness soon. Together with Mr. Cross, the State Military Archivist, I am going the 11th of May to study Spotsylvania and the Wilderness campaign. The regular Army, in all the problems they teach in these schools, continually refer to your battles. That is, they refer to Gettysburg, to Antietam, to Spotsylvania, to the Wilderness, to Sailor's Run, to the activity around Cedar Mountain, etc.

"And speaking of Cedar Mountain, I always pause in going through that Hall of Flags at the State House to look at two flags. One of them is the flag of the 21st Massachusetts Infantry, where the color bearer, Sergeant Plunkett, had his hands blown off, and where the stains of his blood are still on that flag. And I believe that Comrade Turner was in the next bed to Sergeant Plunkett at that time. Sergeant Plunkett got well, as you remember, and lived a great many years. That is always an inspiration to me.

"I also stop to look at those two old broken flagstaffs of the 2d Massachusetts Infantry. One of them, I believe, was broken at Cedar Mountain, and the other one at Antietam. And the present staff on which the flag is mounted had the eagle blown off the top of it at Petersburg."

Voice: "Yes, sir, that was my regiment."

Major Lithicum: "I am happy to know that, sir. You gentlemen have a lot to be proud of. You see, in studying the situations that came up in the different wars, the last was that amounted to anything before the Civil War was the Franco-Prussian War. Well, you people made vast steps beyond that.

"And then the war after the Civil War that amounted to anything was the Spanish-American War. But as the Commander said, the activities in Cuba didn't amount to so very much, and the activities in the Philippines were more or less of a guerilla nature, so you see there wasn't so much that we could study, or many conclusions that we could draw from that type of activity.

"Now then, the next war that came along was the Russo-Japanese War, and that was different in as much as one of the contestants, Russia, was fighting along a line of communications over 5,000 miles away. And then the next war that came along after that was our own World War. This was a little bit different, in as much as it was a war of position, where the two component forces came together, both being more or less equal in force, and where they stopped and faced each other in entrenched positions.

"And we teach today in our Army schools at Leavenworth and other places that the character of warfare that we want to know is open warfare, warfare of movement, and consequently for warfare of movement we still must go back to the Civil War, and as I say, we are all the time studying the Civil War. And with the people I am teaching here in the Massachusetts National Guard I am continually getting current problems where the Gettysburg and the Antietam terrain are most extensively used. I think I know that battlefield of Antietam pretty well, so well that I know most of the farmers who own the land there, at least when my maps were drawn.



"You people have a great deal to be proud of in that war.

"Another thing that I thought of last night when I read in the newspapers that there were some 433 of you still alive in Massachusetts. Now that is a good-sized regiment for the Civil War. Now there are some 36,000 or so, I think, veterans of the Civil War in the Grand Army of the Republic now still living. Am I right?"

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "No, not in the Grand Army of the Republic. There are about 20,000 for the total number, and the Grand Army of the Republic hasn't one-half of those."

Major Linthicum: "Well, even with 20,000, who are still living, you even now have two pretty full strength crops, haven't you? And that is a fine thing.

"I am happy to have come down here. I get a great deal of inspiration talking to you gentlemen. I know some of you personally. Mr. Cross pointed out to me just a while ago one gentleman who was wounded, shot through the chest, who lay on battlefield for two or three days. I shall never forget the conversation I had last year with the gentleman you called 'Long John' Ryder, and I certainly value my association with you. I see many of you at the State House, and I should like to see more of you, and I have had a very good time being here with you." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you for your very interesting talk in regard to the ethics of warfare and the value you have derived from the maneuvers of the Grand Army of the Republic during the Civil War.

"Now there is one man who has collaborated to a certain extent with the Grand Army of the Republic, to our advantage, and not to his own detriment, and that is our Senator for Norfolk and Plymouth Counties, Hon. Senator Newland H. Holmes." (Applause.)

Senator Newland H. Holmes: "Commander Bishop, National Commander-in-Chief, newly elected Department Commander, and friends, I feel rather strange, naturally. All of your speakers thus far have been veterans, and I am not. But there is one thing I do feel very strongly, and that is that it isn't given to all men to bear arms for their country. But of one thing I am very, very sure, and that is that every citizen of our United States can and should support his country with the same loyalty and patriotism that is so well illustrated by the Grand Army of the Republic. We can certainly all of us support our country's laws, and if we did it with the same devotion as you men have, all your lives, I am certain that our Government would be relieved greatly. It would be relieved of many millions of dollars that we now are forced to pay in keeping prisons and houses of correction that we would never need if they were all like you.

"I have been in the Legislature for a great many years, and I want to say this with every ounce of sincerity that I possess. I have had to do with many projects involving millions of dollars, but I have never gotten the thrill out of any of them that I have gotten these last few years when it has been my privilege to be of very slight service to the Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts. Of course there is a reason for that, because as a boy I used to crawl up on my grand daddy's knee and he was one of you comrades.

"I have told my genial comrade here, Commander-Elect Gay, that I hoped he would consider that I would take my orders from him exactly as you members do. I am deeply honored to be permitted to sit at this table with you, and I am frank to add that I have done a bit of bragging about it, because I consider it a great honor. Thank you for inviting me." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "The Senator has been a little over modest in his statements. The State of Massachusetts has been very kind to us and has done perhaps more for her veterans than a majority of States have done for the Grand Army of the Republic. We have been privileged to draw from the coffers of the State for a few years the amount of \$2,500, and our friend here has been one of the parties in the Legislature who has stood back of us in that matter and argued the question if there was any argument necessary. This last year we were able, by a concerted action, to bring about a result so that this current year we have only asked the State, through our good friends, for \$2,000. That was voluntary action on our part and we believe we can make good with that amount. I am saying this just as an explanation of the modesty of the Senator in not alluding to the action he has taken in our interests.

"I shall have to be a little bit careful in introducing the next speaker, as he is very little known (laughter), and is very conservative, very quiet, and you may have some difficulty in hearing him, but he will do his best to make you acquainted with his thoughts and what he thinks is best for the future of the Grand Army of the Republic. I now introduce our modest friend, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the National Department, Edwin H. Lincoln." (Applause.)

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Lincoln: "Commander, and Commander-in-Chief, comrades, you don't know how valuable you are. These people come here and tell you that you put down the rebellion. But I want to tell you something that you don't know about how the rebellion was put down, or why it was put down. All of you belong to some Post. You remember years ago some enterprising canvasser came around and sold you an elaborate volume — no, there were two volumes as a rule — size probably about 14 by 18 and 4 inches thick if I remember rightly, bound up beautifully, with the finest of paper inside, do you remember that? And when I looked over the records of my Post some years ago I said, 'What in the world is the matter? Why are there so many blank pages in these books here?'

"And one of the old members of the Post said — I had only been in that Post about six months, and they made me Adjutant right away and I have been Adjutant ever since, and I shall die as Adjutant of that Post — this old member of the Post said, 'Well, we bought that book — as a matter of fact we didn't buy it, it was given to us — and for each member of the Post there was a large page on which to write his own Civil War record.'

"I said, 'But I notice you haven't got many pages filled. How's that?'

"And he replied: 'Well, we have got about one-third of them. And there isn't one man in that list but who on his own record individually put down the rebellion.' (Laughter.) Now isn't that a record to be proud of? Every man in that Post, individually, put down the rebellion. They didn't fill out the balance of the book. (Laughter.) Those vacant leaves are still there today.

"The Commander-in-Chief has served for three years, as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Commander-in-Chief. I am serving my first year. I was elected Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and by the death of Comrade Peacock, I was promoted. I am sorry the comrade has gone. He was a splendid man.

"But I want this Commander-in-Chief here of ours to take care of himself. I met him in Albany last January. It was a terribly cold day. He was wrapped up carefully when he came out of the train, and I was glad to see it. I said, 'Commander, for God's sake take care of yourself, I don't want your position.' (Laughter.)

"Comrades, you have honored me in Massachusetts; they honored me at the last Encampment; I have gone within one step of the top. I know when I have had enough. And so far as the name of Edwin H. Lincoln is concerned at the next Encampment, — I have been asked, and a lot of men think that I am going to go right up to the top. I am not. I am going to say that Edwin H. Lincoln, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, retires. So, boys, you needn't worry about voting for me, when you members go to that encampment." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "The next man on the list will give us something a little bit different from the remarks of our Comrade. He is the Hon. Fred W. Cross, Military Archivist."

Voice: "I think that he has gone."

Commander Bishop: "I understand that he has retired. Perhaps he was tired before he retired.

"We come now to someone you all know, and you respect him, admire him, and are glad to shake hands with him every time you can when you meet him. He is our old friend Charles W. Parker, Commandant of the Soldiers' Home." (Applause.)

Commandant Charles W. Parker: "Commander, National Commander-in-Chief, and invited guests, I think I have had my fill of speaking the last three days, but there is one thing that I am going to speak about that I think will bear on the convention work.

"For the last three days, through your courtesy, Commander, and Mrs. Phinney, you have delegated me to look out for the Commander-in-Chief. My duty has



been completed, and I appreciate the courtesy that you have extended to me, and I have enjoyed this work very much. I hope that the Commander-in-Chief has enjoyed his trip, and the treatment we have accorded to him, and I wish for him a happy year and a good many years of life."

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Thank you, I have enjoyed it very, very much."

Commander Bishop: "I am going to ask one of the most modest men in the Department to speak to you now. He will be taken entirely by surprise, but he will be called upon so much in the next year that he had better get accustomed to it. I will now introduce to you Comrade George A. Gay, Commander-Elect." (Applause.)

Commander-Elect Gay: "Commander Bishop, National Commander-in-Chief, distinguished guests and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I want just to disagree with my dear Comrade Lincoln here about that book as being the instigator of putting down the Civil War. And I want to tell you that I, as a boy of 16, had that honor. Well, now, how did I have that honor?"

"In 1861 to 1863 they were serving liquor on board the men-of-war. I had never tasted liquor in my life. I hadn't even had a glass of sour cider; I didn't even know what the stuff was. But it was the custom in the Navy at that time to serve grog between four, eight and twelve bells. We were all mustered forward on the quarter deck, and we were to face in. The quartermaster would come along down the line with his great, big pail of grog, and we would have about two and one-half inches in a glass served to us to take. Naturally, being a small fellow, a young fellow in the rear rank and on the left of the line, I was the last one. He came along to me and he offered me a glass of this intoxicating liquor, and I rebelled.

"I said, 'No, I thank you, Quartermaster, but I happen not to be addicted to the habit.'

"And he chucked me under the chin and said, 'My little fellow, don't you want to be a man-of-war's man?'"

"I said, 'Yes.'

"Well," he said, 'you never can fight for your country except you take a good glass of grog. All good sailors and all good fighting men drink.'

"Well, naturally I wanted to be a fighting man so I took the grog, and not being accustomed to taking this liquor, it took effect pretty soon. Well, I turned to the Quartermaster and I said, 'Ho! Ho! Ho! you won't want all these men to put down the rebellion. I can do it alone.' (Laughter.) Well, so I claim that I was the one who put down the rebellion.

"Now, Commander, words fail me to detract from or add to anything that has been said here today. I feel that I have landed among a group of orators, men who have been highly educated and who have been engaged in the art of speaking longer than I have, but I do want to say to you, Commander, that having been elected as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, I shall do all that lies within me to uphold the integrity and the dignity of this grand old Army of the Republic, and when I tell you that, gentlemen, I mean it." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "Thank you, Commander. I see we have made no mistake in electing our new Commander. You will have quite a refreshing contrast in him. I have never been able to talk, except to say a few words. The new Commander is affable, genial, and has the full command of the English language that is necessary for a position like this. I am very glad to hear it.

"I have an apology from our Past Commander-in-Chief over here on my right who is so modest that he says he has trouble with his throat which is going to keep him from speaking. Will you stand up and be counted even though you do not wish to make a long speech?"

(Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin J. Foster rises, as all present applaud.)

"If some of these speakers have become tired of waiting, we will not chastise them for that, even if they have run away from us.

"The next speaker on my list is Charles E. Nason, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Maine."

Assistant Adjutant-General Nason: "Commander, Commander-in-Chief, and other comrades and friends, I came up from the State of Maine to just make a



neighborly call on the Department of Massachusetts, as I have done in former years, and to enjoy your genuine hospitality. I don't come here to make any talk, but there has come up here today in this discussion something which I wish to bring up in a few words, and that is to refute and contradict and deny an accusation that has been made against the Grand Army of the Republic by the press, and that is that we have been a political organization. I deny it in fact and I know that every comrade here will do so, and will join me in making that denial.

"We have never at any time during the existence of our organization drawn the line at the politics or the religion of any man. Am I right?

(Cries of 'You are right.' 'Right,' etc.)

"We haven't allowed political discussions in our meetings. We never cared whether a man was Democrat or Republican. If he was our comrade, he has always received the same treatment at our hands. (Applause.)

"In proof of that I want to make the statement that we have more than once elected Democrats to the highest office in our gift. Now if we had been a political organization, and I believe that the majority of my comrades here will sustain me in this statement, when we came out of the Civil War, 95 per cent of the men were Republicans. We were made Republicans while in our service, for the name Democrat and Rebel had become synonymous with us to a certain extent. I was but a boy, but I came out of the Civil War a Republican because I had fought for Abraham Lincoln. (Applause.)

"And I want to give you in a few words some statements to contradict this thing which says that we have been a political organization.

"The first pension bill for service introduced for the benefit of the veterans of the Civil War was introduced by a Democrat, Isaac Sherwood of Ohio. The bill was known as the 'Dollar-a-Day' bill, and passed Congress and was signed by Theodore Roosevelt. When that law went into effect, they found that only about 40 per cent of the men living who served in the Civil War could benefit by it. A man had to be 63 years old, and I had not reached the age to benefit by it, and most of my comrades, or many of my comrades never did benefit by it.

"That bill gave a man who had served six months in the Civil War and reached the age of 62 years — correct me if I am wrong about these statements — \$12 a month, and that was graded up to the man who had served three full years, and had reached the age of 75, who got \$30 a month. Sherwood watched the effect of that bill, and in the next session of Congress, after Roosevelt had gone out of office as President, he introduced a bill giving all comrades, all members, all men who had served the legal time, the \$30 a month. That bill passed the Congress and was vetoed by a Republican President, Mr. Taft. Am I correct?

(Cries of 'That is right.' 'You are correct,' etc.)

"Waiting then and believing that there was no chance to go farther, Sherwood waited again until Woodrow Wilson was elected President, and there was a Democratic Congress, and then he introduced his bill giving the men \$30 a month, and it was passed and signed by Woodrow Wilson.

"I am simply stating these facts to you gentlemen, for the purpose of refuting the charge that we have been a political organization. We never have been, we are not today, and never will be, thank God." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "If there is anything that is pleasing to the Grand Army of the Republic veterans it is to have a man speak right out in meeting such as you have had an illustration of just now, and it is a very good thing.

"The next man I am about to introduce is a friend of all veterans, Mr. Richard R. Flynn, Commissioner of State Aid and Pensions."

Commissioner Flynn: "Comrade Commander, National Commander-in-Chief, Senior National Vice-Commander-in-Chief, my friend Mr. Lincoln, Commander-Elect Gay, Senator Holmes, my esteemed friend Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade Foster, and comrades all, I have enjoyed every moment of this afternoon in the company of the veterans of the Civil War and the veterans of later wars.

"It has been my happy privilege for almost twenty-five years to be in an office where the associations of the Grand Army of the Republic, from the height of their power to today, were evident. I have formed some wonderful comradeships, and I shall treasure them as long as I live.

"Some remark here today treated of your service in the Civil War on the field of battle and on ships, but frankly, gentlemen, the great conquest of the Civil War came after your discharge from service in the teaching each Memorial Day in the schools of our country.

"I am especially happy this afternoon to have a chance to talk to the National Commander-in-Chief of something along my stewardship.

"We have a wonderful State, Commander, for caring for the veterans of all wars. Since the Civil War, sir, this Commonwealth has paid out through the office of which I am now Commissioner, \$89,500,000 in State and military funds for the upkeep of our Soldiers Home and the burial of veterans, and in addition to that amount of money, we have supplemented \$60,000,000 in soldiers' relief work. We don't pauperize veterans in this State, Commander. If a man has a good and honorable discharge in time of war, we have a special office to take care of those veterans.

"We have been going through a tough time the last four years, but the welfare system of this Commonwealth, was so organized and our office was so equipped that we simply had to speed up a bit. We had the machinery, and we had the knowledge and ability of how to apply the laws for the care of all our needy cases. Last year the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in its various soldier benefits laid out over \$5,500,000. Our Public Welfare expenditure last year approximated \$50,000,000.

"Massachusetts is a great State. She stands, as Webster said, on her own feet.

"Your Commander, my friend, Comrade Bishop, is retiring from office. I regret it. It am going to miss his company. I am going to miss his smile, the same as I missed Comrade Lincoln's, when he was acting as Commander of this Department, but I am going to enlist a shipmate of mine — I am an old sailor, you know — I happened to be in Sampson's Fleet in the Spanish-American War. We didn't have grog in our time.

"But I want to leave this thought here this afternoon. It is my ambition and my desire to give the best service I can to the Civil War veterans, their wives and widows. If I fell down on even one case, I would feel terribly humiliated, and I can look every Civil War veteran right in his face and state that no act of mine as a Deputy Commissioner or as Commissioner has neglected him or in any way denied him the things that belong to him under the law."

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "That is very nice, sir."

Commissioner Flynn: "This morning I had an opportunity to address the Sons of Union Veterans. There are times of course when we do find seemingly occasional neglect of Civil War soldiers. Many of them are very modest and some are possibly lacking in the knowledge of the laws that apply to their cases, and I asked every one of those men, young and old of them, to enlist with me to give the best service we could to the Civil War veterans while we are able to do it. And I was proud of the fact that every man in that room got up on his feet and accepted that invitation willingly.

"We have a law in this State, Commander, that was passed three or four years ago. It was first aimed that we establish a Home for Civil War soldiers, their wives and widows. You have been Commandant of a Home. You know something about them. I feel that you will agree with me in this. It makes no difference how humble a cabin a home may be, how broken down or shabby the furniture may be — you can't build any Home to beat that for a home. There is a sentiment attached to it, there is friendship around that home. There are the neighbors. So we eventually decided to keep the veterans of the Civil War, their wives and widows, in their own homes, taking the money into the cabin, as it may be deemed, and spending it there. We have got about one hundred of those cases on the rolls at the present time, and we have saved them the humiliation of taking them out of their own towns, their own cities, and bringing them down to a Home where they would probably see nobody that they knew. Now even if we brought them into the best hotel in the City of Boston, after two or three months those veterans would pine away and die. So I am quite happy that that law is working out so perfectly.

"This comrade here knows about the application of it in his own city. I feel sure he agrees with me that we are doing a good job.



"I shall continue to do so, Sir, and I want you, and I should like to have you take back with you to California the knowledge that one of your comrades of the Spanish-American War is trying to do his duty, and I will do it, with God's help, in taking care of your veterans, the comrades of the Civil War, and their wives and widows." (Applause.)

Commander-in-Chief Martin: "Thank you, sir." (Applause.)

Commander Bishop: "The next name is Comrade Henry W. Burrill of the National Council of Administration. Is Mr. Burrill in the room? Apparently he has gone. Is Comrade William Fish, Past Department Commander of the State of New Hampshire, present? Apparently he has gone also. We have had rather a lengthy program coming after quite a session of work this morning. But I wish to congratulate those who are left here upon the fact of having such a splendid meeting of the Department of Massachusetts, and to ask them to duplicate it next year. I hope we can turn out as much on quantity and quality as we have this time at the next meeting.

"Thank you very much for your attendance here today. The meeting stands adjourned."

And so the Sixty-Eighth Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic came to a close.

## GENERAL ORDERS

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BOSTON, April 25, 1933.

### GENERAL ORDERS } No. 1

I. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. The following officers were elected:

*Department Commander*, FREDERICK H. BISHOP, Post 88, Quincy.

*Senior Vice-Commander*, DAVID KING, Post 15, Boston.

*Junior Vice-Commander*, GEORGE A. GAY, Post 195, East Pepperell.

*Medical Director*, JOHN GILBERT, M. D., Post 46, Fall River.

*Chaplain*, REV. WILLIAM M. MICK, Post 62, Newton.

### Council of Administration.

LEONARD BOYD, Post 62, Newton.

HENRI BATCHELDER, Post 156, Everett.

PRINCE A. PHINNEY, Post 143, Brookline.

GEORGE W. GREEN, Post 200, Jamaica Plain.

JAMES S. MITCHELL, Post 121, Hyde Park.

### III. Appointed Officers.

*Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General*, WALDO TURNER, Post 58.

*Judge Advocate*, DUDLEY L. PAGE, Post 42, Lowell.

*Inspector*, SAMUEL SNOW, Post 82, Marblehead.

*Chief Mustering Officer*, JOHN J. RYDER, Post 203, Bourne.

*Patriotic Instructor*, ALBERT A. NICKERSON, Post 35, Chelsea.

*Chief-of-Staff*, JOSEPH F. STODDARD, Post 11, Charlestown.

*Headquarters Clerk*, HELEN A. PHINNEY, Past Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

IV. **Office Hours.** 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday by special appointment only.

Department Commander will be at Headquarters, Mondays, from 12 M. to 2 P.M.

V. **Aides-de-Camp.** Post Commanders are requested to send in at once to these headquarters names and addresses of comrades to serve as Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander.

VI. All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by check, money-order or cash to pay for same.



VII. All checks, money-orders, etc., must be payable to Waldo Turner, Assistant Adjutant-General. Quartermasters will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

All official correspondence should be addressed to Waldo Turner, State House, Room 27, Boston.

VIII. The following Representatives and Alternates for the next National Encampment were elected at the Department Encampment.

**Representatives to the Sixty-Seventh National Encampment.**

*Delegate-at-Large*  
Leonard Boyd, Post 62  
*Representatives*

*Alternate-at-Large*  
Theodore E. Clark, Post 143  
*Alternates*

| DISTRICT No. 1                |             |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
|                               | <i>Post</i> |                               | <i>Post</i> |
| Edward F. Gilroy . . . . .    | 3           | John J. Ryder . . . . .       | 203         |
| DISTRICT No. 2                |             |                               |             |
| John F. Hatch . . . . .       | 73          | George A. Burgess . . . . .   | 76          |
| DISTRICT No. 3                |             |                               |             |
| Julius A. Fitts . . . . .     | 117         | Hiram S. Faunce . . . . .     | 110         |
| DISTRICT No. 4                |             |                               |             |
| James J. Flynn . . . . .      | 26          | James A. Sawyer . . . . .     | 92          |
| Joseph F. Stoddard . . . . .  | 11          | A. A. Nickerson . . . . .     | 35          |
| DISTRICT No. 5                |             |                               |             |
| Thomas A. Corson . . . . .    | 5           | William F. Dodge . . . . .    | 5           |
| Charles A. Peel . . . . .     | 49          | A. A. Rackliff . . . . .      | 90          |
| DISTRICT No. 6                |             |                               |             |
| Charles L. Robinson . . . . . | 4           | Samuel S. Clark . . . . .     | 29          |
| F. J. O'Reilly . . . . .      | 56          | Otis A. Merrill . . . . .     | 195         |
| DISTRICT No. 7                |             |                               |             |
| Charles F. Staples . . . . .  | 53          | Joseph A. Cleveland . . . . . | 10          |
| DISTRICT No. 8                |             |                               |             |
| Farnum A. Sawin . . . . .     | 125         | Charles B. Burt . . . . .     | 16          |

IX. The Sixty-Seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, September 17-21, 1933, and promises to be a very pleasant affair. The Committee are making arrangements for a grand reception to the Grand Army and its friends. A special headquarters train under the charge of Colpitts Co. will leave Boston, Friday, September 15th, at 9.35 A.M., via the Boston & Albany, New York Central Lines. The return trip as arranged will be the best ever.

For illustrated booklet giving full information, apply to Colpitts Tourist Co., 262 Washington Street, Boston.

X. Direct all requests for rooms and other information regarding the National Encampment to Mr. J. S. Turner, Secretary, Central Committee, Grand Army National Encampment, Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Per order,  
FREDERICK H. BISHOP,  
*Department Commander.*

WALDO TURNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BOSTON, April 25, 1933.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 2 }

**Memorial Day.**

Another Memorial Day with its sacred duties and patriotic inspirations is at hand. Tuesday, May 30, 1933, will be observed with the customary services and other suitable services.

So far as possible let no comrade's grave remain unmarked by those testimonials of gratitude by which their services should evermore be held in loving remembrance.

And as we repair with tender hearts to the green tents of the sleeping hosts, or beside the waters which cover our sailor dead, where resting in eternal peace and glory are the loving sentinels, let us believe that God who led His hosts to victory in the past, will lead us on to liberty and righteousness in the future.

May our allied organizations and the people in every community be requested to join in paying these honors to the brave men who saved our country from disunion and made possible its present greatness and its commanding position among the nations of the world

Let every Post make suitable arrangements for the proper observance of this "Holy Day" of the Union Soldier and Sailor.

Sunday, May 28, is hereby designated as Memorial Sunday. Posts should attend church as a body on that day and invite our allied organizations, all patriotic organizations and our comrades of the Spanish and World Wars to join with them.

In accordance with orders from National Headquarters, the reading of General Logan's Order No. II and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address becomes a part of Memorial Day services.

Post Chaplains must forward promptly to DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REV. WILLIAM M. MICK, 559 Parker Street, NEWTON CENTER, Mass., a full report of Memorial Day exercises in which their Posts take part.

Per order,  
FREDERICK H. BISHOP,  
*Department Commander.*

WALDO TURNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BOSTON, August 1, 1933.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 3 }

### **National Encampment.**

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For illustrated booklet giving full information, apply to Colpitts Tourist Co., 262 Washington Street, Boston.

Direct all requests for rooms and other information regarding the National Encampment to Mr. J. S. Turner, Secretary, Central Committee, Grand Army National Encampment, Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul, Minnesota.

National and Massachusetts Headquarters will be in Hotel Lowry.

Department Headquarters in Boston will be closed from September 15th to October 9th.

### **Identification Certificate.**

Tickets cannot be purchased except on presentation of identification certificate issued by the railway association and which can be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant-General, Room 27, State House, Boston.

### **Delegates Attention.**

There will be a meeting of those entitled to seats in the National Encampment, at Headquarters, in Hotel Lowry, at 5 P.M., Tuesday, September 19th. CREDENTIALS will be distributed at this meeting. Important business will be transacted and every member is expected to attend.

It is the wish of the Department Commander that comrades remove all decorations from their coats DURING THE PARADE, excepting the official G. A. R. badge. He asks the comrades to comply with this wish.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

|                               | Post |                               | Post |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|
| Nahum F. Nickelson . . . . .  | 1    | Charles A. Richards . . . . . | 68   |
| George L. Hall . . . . .      | 2    | Charles A. Miles . . . . .    | 72   |
| Leander K. Marston . . . . .  | 2    | James B. Johnson . . . . .    | 73   |
| Edward F. Gilroy . . . . .    | 3    | Willard Gurney . . . . .      | 74   |
| Charles L. Robinson . . . . . | 4    | George A. Burgess . . . . .   | 76   |
| William F. Dodge . . . . .    | 5    | John Mitchell . . . . .       | 79   |
| Thomas A. Corson . . . . .    | 5    | Samuel Snow . . . . .         | 82   |
| E. E. Place . . . . .         | 8    | Philip Lasky . . . . .        | 82   |
| Joseph A. Cleveland . . . . . | 10   | Charles A. Brown . . . . .    | 88   |
| Alvin R. Bailey . . . . .     | 11   | James A. Sawyer . . . . .     | 92   |
| Andrew C. Gibbs . . . . .     | 13   | Hiram Crowell . . . . .       | 109  |
| William Eldridge . . . . .    | 15   | Hiram Faunce . . . . .        | 110  |
| Charles B. Burt . . . . .     | 16   | Hobart Raymond . . . . .      | 116  |
| Edward Baker . . . . .        | 17   | Julius A. Fitts . . . . .     | 117  |
| George C. Jewett . . . . .    | 19   | Farnum E. Sawin . . . . .     | 125  |
| Henry Bornstein . . . . .     | 21   | Edward A. Ditmus . . . . .    | 134  |
| James F. Flynn . . . . .      | 26   | Theodore E. Clark . . . . .   | 143  |
| Dudley L. Page . . . . .      | 42   | John E. Bronson . . . . .     | 144  |
| William H. Marston . . . . .  | 45   | Festus Faulkner . . . . .     | 168  |
| Hiram Clark . . . . .         | 48   | Louis A. Lauriet . . . . .    | 170  |
| Charles F. Peel . . . . .     | 49   | Richard O'Hara . . . . .      | 174  |
| Charles F. Staples . . . . .  | 53   | George N. Alden . . . . .     | 190  |
| Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . . | 56   | George W. Green . . . . .     | 200  |
| Thomas J. Evans . . . . .     | 58   | John J. Ryder . . . . .       | 203  |
| Albert J. Newell . . . . .    | 60   | James H. Wood . . . . .       | 207  |

#### Membership-at-Large.

|                             |    |                            |     |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------|-----|
| Edwin A. Newton . . . . .   | 14 | J. B. Mowry . . . . .      | 52  |
| Sidney Whiting . . . . .    | 14 | Lewis Josslyn . . . . .    | 83  |
| Charles S. Parker . . . . . | 44 | Charles H. Poole . . . . . | 111 |
| Edwin Q. Moulton . . . . .  | 50 |                            |     |

**Important.** *The annual election of Post Officers will be held at the first stated meeting in October.* Posts will not elect delegates to the Department Encampment. "Every comrade in good standing will be entitled to a seat and vote in future Department Encampments."

A blank for report of the name of the newly elected Commander, also Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, is enclosed, and should be filled out and forwarded to these headquarters IMMEDIATELY AFTER election.

*The Obituary and Annual Report Blanks* will not be made out till December 31, as usual.

The INSTALLATIONS should take place at the FIRST meeting in November. Names of Installing Officers must be sent to these headquarters on or before October 15th, in order that they may be given out in General Orders to be issued October 20th.

Per order,

FREDERICK H. BISHOP,  
Department Commander.

WALDO TURNER,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BOSTON, October 20, 1933.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 4 }

I. The Sixty-Seventh National Encampment held at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 17-21, has passed into history, but to those who participated it will ever remain a pleasant memory.



The Department of Massachusetts had sixteen comrades in the parade. The Commander thanks all who took part. The Massachusetts Department were the only ones in line wearing the regulation uniform and the fine marching attracted much deserved attention.

Massachusetts was honored by the election of Past Department Commander Edwin H. Lincoln to the office of Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Department Commander Frederick H. Bishop on the National Council of Administration, and Department Senior Vice-Commander David King as a member of the Resolutions Committee.

The Encampment of 1934 will be held in Rochester, New York.

II. On recommendation of John J. Ryder, Chief Mustering Officer, the following-named comrades are appointed to install the officers of the Posts indicated:

EDWIN H. LINCOLN, *Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief*, 125.

DAVID KING, *Department Senior Vice-Commander*, 7, 26.

GEORGE A. GAY, *Department Junior Vice-Commander*, 195.

WALDO TURNER, *Assistant Adjutant-General*, 112.

SAMUEL SNOW, *Department Inspector*, 5.

HORACE GOODWIN, *Past Department Commander*, 16.

JAMES H. WEBB, *Past Department Commander*, 121, 200.

HENRY N. HOPKINS, 3, 170

A. A. RACKLIFF, 89

JAMES S. MITCHELL, 88

ELIAS B. WAKEFIELD, 61

GEORGE W. GREEN, 139

FRANK H. RUSS, 47

JAMES F. FLYNN, 15

JAMES J. STANLEY, 39

Many of the Posts have not sent in their Credential Reports up to the present time. They should be forwarded at once.

The Obituary and Annual Reports will not be due until December. Blanks for these reports will be forwarded in due time.

**Important** — The Commander notes with regret the surrendering of Charters. It is his desire that the small Posts will continue until the last man. But to do this Post Officers must forward their reports to Headquarters promptly.

Per order,

FREDERICK H. BISHOP,  
*Department Commander.*

WALDO TURNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

### IN MEMORIAM

"Taps have sounded," calling the Soul of Past Department Commander John D. Billings on August 29, 1933, to his eternal rest.

Comrade Billings served in the Tenth Massachusetts Light Battery from September 9, 1862, to June 9, 1865. He was a member of Post 94, Canton, afterwards joined Post 186, Cambridge. Was elected Department Commander in 1884. Was a forceful, virile officer in the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. He was highly honored and respected as a teacher in our public schools, and was a beacon light in all civic affairs.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BOSTON, February 23, 1934.

GENERAL ORDERS }  
No. 5 }

I. The Sixty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Tuesday April 10, 1934.

II. Comrade George Green, of Post 200, has been appointed to act as Officer of the Day and furnish two comrades as guards. They will report at Faneuil Hall, at 9 A.M., Tuesday, April 10.

III. Department Headquarters will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment. They will be open at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, April 12, when all comrades will be welcomed.

#### IV. Railroad Fares. Important.

Commanders of Posts should see that every comrade is fully advised as to the following rule regarding

##### Reduction of Fares.

(a) The railroads have agreed to make a reduction in fares from all points where the railroad fare is 75 cents or more.

(b) From these stations a price of one and one-third fare will be given for the round trip to Boston and return.

(c) Parties desiring to take advantage of this reduction *must apply at the station some days in advance* in order that the agent may have certificate necessary to procure a homeward-bound ticket for one-third fare.

(d) Immediately on arrival at the Encampment present your certificate to Assistant Adjutant-General Turner for endorsement.

(e) A special railroad agent will be present on April 10 and 11, from 9 A.M. to 10 A.M., to validate the certificate for the return ticket. Validation will be made on those dates and hours only.

(f) After validation you will be entitled, up to and including April 14, to present your ticket to the ticket agent and purchase a return ticket via the same route as the going trip, at one-third the regular fare to the point at which your certificate was issued.

(g) Refund of fares will not be made on account of failure to return certificate mentioned, or for any reason not in accordance with the prescribed conditions under which the arrangement is made. This reduction will be given to members of the Grand Army and its allied organizations only.

V. To gain admittance every member must give the countersign and present the credential card which they will obtain from their Post Commander. No one will be admitted without this credential.

Post Commanders will see that all members who intend attending the Encampment ARE PROVIDED WITH THE COUNTERSIGN and the credential, and also admonish them not to leave them at home.

Extra credential cards will be sent upon application to the Adjutant-General.

VI. Aides on the staff of the Department Commander will report in the ante-room on the left side of the stairs on the hall floor, Tuesday morning, at 9.30. Uniform, without belts.

VII. The Annual Banquet will take place at the close of the Encampment, at the American House, about 1.30 P.M., April 11. Tickets, \$1.00 each, and may be obtained of the Assistant Adjutant-General.

Our numbers are getting fewer. Let's get closer together. Come and make it a heart-to-heart gathering in memory of AULD LANG SYNE.

VIII. The Sixty-Eighth Annual National Encampment will be held at Rochester, N. Y., date to be announced in future General Orders.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

On account of the death of Thomas H. Peacock, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Edwin H. Lincoln, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, advanced to that office.

By the death of David King, Department Senior Vice-Commander, George A. Gay, Department Junior Vice-Commander, advanced to that office.

The oath of office was administered to these comrades by Frederick H. Bishop, Department Commander, on February 6, in G. A. R. Headquarters, State House, Boston, Mass.

Per order,

FREDERICK H. BISHOP,  
Department Commander.

WALDO TURNER,  
Assistant Adjutant-General.

### IN MEMORIAM

Past Department Commander Alfred H. Knowles passed to his reward December 17, 1933. Comrade Knowles enlisted October 9, 1861, in Company F, 24th Massachusetts Infantry. He was transferred to 54th U. S. Colored Troops. Commissioned Second Lieutenant October 7, 1863, and First Lieutenant on February 4, 1864. Was discharged February 21, 1865, for disability, by reason of wounds received.

His hearty, ingenuous nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Again Taps have sounded. Department Senior Vice-Commander David King died February 3, 1934. Comrade King served in the Navy, on the "Sacramento," "Circassian," "Cambridge," "Victoria," "Malvern," and "Niagara."

He served for several years as the Commodore of the Kearsarge Naval Association.

"We shall meet but we shall miss him."

### ROSTER, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

#### Headquarters, State House, Boston

#### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

1933

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| FREDERICK H. BISHOP, <i>Commander</i>        | Post 88, Quincy          |
| DAVID KING, <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i>     | Post 15, Boston          |
| GEORGE A. GAY, <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i>  | Post 195, East Pepperell |
| JOHN GILBERT, M. D., <i>Medical Director</i> | Post 46, Fall River      |
| REV. WILLIAM M. MICK, <i>Chaplain</i>        | Post 62, Newton          |

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| HENRI BATCHELDER  | Post 156, Everett       |
| LEONARD BOYD      | Post 62, Newton         |
| PRINCE A. PHINNEY | Post 143, Brookline     |
| GEORGE W. GREEN   | Post 200, Jamaica Plain |
| JAMES S. MITCHELL | Post 121, Hyde Park     |

#### OFFICIAL STAFF

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| WALDO TURNER, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General</i> | Post 58, East Weymouth |
| DUDLEY L. PAGE, <i>Judge Advocate</i>   | Post 42, Lowell        |
| SAMUEL SNOW, <i>Inspector</i>   | Post 82, Marblehead    |
| JOHN J. RYDER, <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>                                       | Post 203, Bourne       |
| A. A. NICKERSON, <i>Patriotic Instructor</i>  | Post 35, Chelsea       |
| JOSEPH F. STODDARD, <i>Chief of Staff</i>   | Post 11, Charlestown   |
| HELEN A. PHINNEY, <i>Headquarters Clerk, Past Dept. Pres. D. U. V. C. W.</i>        |                        |

#### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

|                   | Post | Year    |               |
|-------------------|------|---------|---------------|
| JOHN D. BILLINGS  | 186  | 1884    | Cambridge     |
| ALFRED H. KNOWLES | 36   | 1915    | Arlington     |
| HORACE GOODWIN    | 16   | 1920    | Springfield   |
| HENRY A. MONK     | 87   | 1927    | So. Braintree |
| EDWIN J. FOSTER   | 10   | 1928    | Worcester     |
| JAMES H. WEBB     | 88   | 1929    | Quincy        |
| WALDO TURNER      | 58   | 1930-31 | E. Weymouth   |
| EDWIN H. LINCOLN  | 125  | 1932    | Pittsfield    |



## DECEASED

|                                | Post | Year    | Date of Death  |
|--------------------------------|------|---------|----------------|
| AUSTIN S. CUSHMAN . . . . .    | 1    | 1866-67 | Jan. 29, 1907  |
| A. B. R. SPRAGUE . . . . .     | 10   | 1868    | May 17, 1910   |
| FRANCIS A. OSBORN . . . . .    | 15   | 1869    | Mar. 11, 1914  |
| JAMES L. BATES . . . . .       | 85   | 1870    | Nov. 11, 1875  |
| WILLIAM COGSWELL . . . . .     | 34   | 1871    | May 22, 1895   |
| ADIN B. UNDERWOOD . . . . .    | 62   | 1873    | Jan. 14, 1888  |
| JOHN W. KIMBALL . . . . .      | 19   | 1874    | July 15, 1910  |
| GEORGE S. MERRILL . . . . .    | 39   | 1875    | Feb. 17, 1900  |
| HORACE B. SARGENT . . . . .    | 15   | 1876-78 | Jan. 18, 1908  |
| JOHN G. B. ADAMS . . . . .     | 5    | 1879    | Oct. 19, 1900  |
| JOHN A. HAWES . . . . .        | 1    | 1880    | Mar. 10, 1883  |
| GEORGE W. CREASEY . . . . .    | 49   | 1881    | July 3, 1909   |
| GEORGE H. PATCH . . . . .      | 63   | 1882    | July 26, 1887  |
| GEORGE S. EVANS . . . . .      | 30   | 1883    | April 7, 1903  |
| JOHN W. HERSEY . . . . .       | 16   | 1885    | Oct. 25, 1912  |
| RICHARD F. TOBIN . . . . .     | 2    | 1886    | Nov. 22, 1893  |
| CHARLES D. NASH . . . . .      | 78   | 1887    | Aug. 5, 1910   |
| MYRON P. WALKER . . . . .      | 97   | 1888    | Mar. 25, 1911  |
| GEORGE L. GOODALE . . . . .    | 66   | 1889    | Jan. 30, 1911  |
| GEORGE H. INNIS . . . . .      | 2    | 1890    | Jan. 19, 1907  |
| ARTHUR A. SMITH . . . . .      | 20   | 1891    | Mar. 21, 1907  |
| JAMES K. CHURCHILL . . . . .   | 10   | 1892    | Dec. 6, 1912   |
| ELI W. HALL . . . . .          | 5    | 1893    | Nov. 26, 1920  |
| W. A. WETHERBEE . . . . .      | 62   | 1894    | Nov. 13, 1930  |
| JOS. W. THAYER . . . . .       | 35   | 1895    | July 22, 1905  |
| WILLIAM P. DERBY . . . . .     | 16   | 1896    | Feb. 6, 1901   |
| JOHN M. DEANE . . . . .        | 46   | 1897    | Sept. 2, 1914  |
| WM. H. BARTLETT . . . . .      | 10   | 1898    | July 5, 1901   |
| JOHN E. GILMAN . . . . .       | 26   | 1899    | Feb. 20, 1921  |
| PETER D. SMITH . . . . .       | 99   | 1900    | Jan. 16, 1911  |
| SILAS A. BARTON . . . . .      | 29   | 1901    | May 27, 1911   |
| W. W. BLACKMAR . . . . .       | 113  | 1902    | July 16, 1905  |
| DWIGHT O. JUDD . . . . .       | 71   | 1903    | Nov. 26, 1906  |
| LUCIUS FIELD . . . . .         | 64   | 1904    | Aug. 23, 1910  |
| JAMES H. WOLFF . . . . .       | 92   | 1905    | May 3, 1913    |
| J. PAYSON BRADLEY . . . . .    | 2    | 1906    | April 19, 1927 |
| DANIEL H. L. GLEASON . . . . . | 63   | 1907    | April 8, 1917  |
| ALFRED S. ROE . . . . .        | 10   | 1908    | Jan. 6, 1917   |
| JOHN L. PARKER . . . . .       | 5    | 1909    | Feb. 27, 1917  |
| J. WILLARD BROWN . . . . .     | 186  | 1910    | Dec. 7, 1910   |
| GRANVILLE C. FISKE . . . . .   | 18   | 1910-11 | Aug. 11, 1921  |
| GEORGE A. HOSLEY . . . . .     | 11   | 1912    | May 13, 1930   |
| THOMAS J. AMES . . . . .       | 53   | 1913    | Feb. 15, 1927  |
| JOHN M. WOODS . . . . .        | 139  | 1914    | April 10, 1927 |
| FRANCIS E. MOLE . . . . .      | 126  | 1916    | Dec. 29, 1923  |
| DANIEL E. DENNY . . . . .      | 10   | 1917    | Nov. 17, 1925  |
| EDWIN P. STANLEY . . . . .     | 67   | 1918    | Dec. 27, 1924  |
| GEORGE W. WILDER . . . . .     | 31   | 1919    | Nov. 28, 1932  |
| EDWIN F. MORRILL . . . . .     | 156  | 1921    | Jan. 9, 1931   |
| HENRY CLARK . . . . .          | 36   | 1922    | April 30, 1931 |
| GEORGE W. PRATT . . . . .      | 72   | 1923    | Aug. 18, 1927  |
| BENJAMIN A. HAM . . . . .      | 2    | 1924    | Jan. 7, 1931   |
| WILLIAM L. GAGE . . . . .      | 87   | 1925    | May 12, 1925   |
| HENRY N. COMEY . . . . .       | 90   | 1925    | April 15, 1932 |
| WILLIAM F. BROWN . . . . .     | 163  | 1926    | April 6, 1927  |
| ALVIN C. HOWES . . . . .       | 8    | 1930    | Dec. 7, 1930   |

HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ORDER  
HENRY R. SIBLEY, Post 11, 1872

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

*Delegate-at-Large**Alternate-at-Large*

Leonard Boyd, Post 62

Theodore E. Clark, Post 143

*Representatives**Alternates*

## DISTRICT No. 1

*Post**Post*

|                            |   |                         |     |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----|
| Edward F. Gilroy . . . . . | 3 | John J. Ryder . . . . . | 203 |
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## DISTRICT No. 2

|                         |    |                             |    |
|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| John F. Hatch . . . . . | 73 | George A. Burgess . . . . . | 76 |
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## DISTRICT No. 3

|                           |     |                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Julius A. Fitts . . . . . | 117 | Hiram S. Faunce . . . . . | 110 |
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## DISTRICT No. 4

|                              |    |                           |    |
|------------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|
| James F. Flynn . . . . .     | 26 | James A. Sawyer . . . . . | 92 |
| Joseph F. Stoddard . . . . . | 11 | A. A. Nickerson . . . . . | 35 |

## DISTRICT No. 5

|                            |    |                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|
| Thomas A. Corson . . . . . | 5  | William F. Dodge . . . . . | 5  |
| Charles F. Peel . . . . .  | 49 | A. A. Rackliff . . . . .   | 90 |

## DISTRICT No. 6

|                               |    |                           |     |
|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------|-----|
| Charles L. Robinson . . . . . | 4  | Samuel S. Clark . . . . . | 29  |
| Francis J. O'Reilly . . . . . | 56 | Otis A. Merrill . . . . . | 195 |

## DISTRICT No. 7

|                              |    |                               |    |
|------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|
| Charles F. Staples . . . . . | 53 | Joseph A. Cleveland . . . . . | 10 |
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## DISTRICT No. 8

|                           |     |                           |    |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------|----|
| Farnum A. Sawin . . . . . | 125 | Charles B. Burt . . . . . | 16 |
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ROSTER OF POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
Numerically Arranged with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.

When no address is given it is the same as that of the Post

| NAME                   | No. | Location     | Members<br>Dec. 31, '89 | Commander                                      | Date of Charter | Time of Meeting                 |
|------------------------|-----|--------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Wm. Logan Rodman       | 1   | New Bedford  | 4                       | N. F. Nickelson, 3 Chestnut St., So. Dartmouth | Oct. 4, 1866    | Wednesday afternoon             |
| Dahlgren               | 2   | Saunt Boston | 5                       | L. K. Marston, 532 Fourth St.                  | Feb. 26, 1880   | 1st Tuesday afternoon           |
| Wm. H. Bartlett        | 3   | Taunton      | 8                       | Edward F. Gilroy, G. A. R. Hall, Taunton       | Jan. 2, 1867    | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons   |
| U. S. Grant            | 4   | Melrose      | 4                       | Chas. L. Robinson, G. A. R. Hall               | Feb. 19, 1867   | 1st Thursday afternoon          |
| General Lander         | 5   | Lynn         | 27                      | William F. Dodge, 58 Andrew St., G. A. R. Hall | Feb. 27, 1867   | 1st Thursday afternoon          |
| Charles Russell Lowell | 7   | Boston       | 9                       | Patrick H. Brown, 2 Pleasant St., Dorchester   | Mar. 11, 1867   | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons   |
| E. W. Pierce           | 8   | Middleboro   | 5                       | Edward E. Place                                | Mar. 13, 1867   | Last Saturday afternoon         |
| Reno                   | 9   | Hudson       | 1                       | Raymond Kennedy, Gleasondale                   | May 27, 1867    | 1st Saturday afternoon          |
| George H. Ward         | 10  | Worcester    | 30                      | Joseph A. Cleaveland, 186 Austin St.           | Apr. 13, 1867   | Thursday afternoon              |
| Abraham Lincoln        | 11  | Charlestown  | 7                       | J. F. Stoddard, 334 Washington Ave., Chelsea   | Apr. 23, 1867   | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons   |
| Horace M. Warren       | 12  | Wakefield    | 5                       | Benj. I. Day, Elm St.                          | Aug. 16, 1867   | 1st Saturday afternoon          |
| Fletcher Webster       | 13  | Brockton     | 9                       | Andrew C. Gibbs, 40 Cherry St.                 | July 1, 1867    | Friday afternoon                |
| John A. Andrew         | 15  | Boston       | 9                       | David King, 44 Prospect St., Everett           | Aug. 6, 1867    | 4th Wednesday evening           |
| E. K. Wilcox           | 16  | Springfield  | 14                      | Charles B. Burt, 89 Sumner Ave.                | Aug. 9, 1867    | 2d Saturday afternoon           |
| General Sedwick        | 17  | Orange       | 2                       | Edward Baker, 30 Burrill Ave.                  | Aug. 9, 1867    | 2d Friday afternoon             |
| Edwin V. Sumner        | 19  | Fitchburg    | 6                       | George C. Jewett, Lunenburg                    | Aug. 16, 1867   | 1st and 3d Saturday afternoons  |
| Fredrick Hecker        | 21  | Boston       | 1                       | Henry Bornstein, 1546 Com. Ave., Allston       | Feb. 22, 1881   | 2d Wednesday afternoon          |
| Thos. G. Stevenson     | 22  | Milford      | 3                       | Herbert Parkhurst, 16 Court Square             | Sept. 19, 1867  | Wednesday afternoon             |
| Mad. E. F. Fletcher    | 26  | Roxbury      | 10                      | James F. Flynn, 22 Howland St.                 | Oct. 31, 1867   | 1st and 3d Saturday afternoons  |
| F. P. H. Rogers        | 29  | Waltham      | 8                       | Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent St.              | Oct. 20, 1867   | 1st Saturday afternoon          |
| Wm. H. Smart           | 30  | Cambridge    | 3                       | Charles McHugh, 235 Huron Ave.                 | Oct. 23, 1867   | 1st Saturday afternoon          |
| Burbank                | 33  | Woburn       | 1                       | W. C. Colgate, 43 Wyman Ave.                   | Nov. 6, 1867    | When called                     |
| Phil. H. Sheridan      | 34  | Salem        | 17                      | Milton Coffin, 420 Essex St.                   | Nov. 15, 1867   | 1st and 3d Wednesday afternoons |
| Theodore Winthrop      | 35  | Chelsea      | 6                       | A. A. Nickerson, 3 Jefferson Pl.               | Nov. 16, 1867   | 2d Saturday afternoon           |
| Francis Gould          | 36  | Arlington    | 2                       | Alfred H. Knowles, 10 Wyman St.                | Nov. 26, 1881   | When called                     |
| Needham                | 39  | Lawrence     | 8                       | George W. Towne, 62 Salem St., No. Andover     | Dec. 10, 1867   | 1st Saturday afternoon          |
| Gen. H. G. Berry       | 40  | Malden       | 5                       | Roscoe G. Bean, 60 Converse Ave.               | Oct. 1, 1873    | 1st Monday afternoon            |
| Lyon                   | 41  | Westfield    | 3                       | Dudley L. Page, 427 Andover St.                | Jan. 9, 1868    | 1st Wednesday afternoon         |
| B. F. Butler           | 42  | Lowell       | 5                       | Stillman P. Wood, 21 Highland St.              | Jan. 15, 1868   | 2d Tuesday afternoon            |
| John A. Rawlins        | 43  | Marlboro     | 2                       | Wm. H. Marston, 29 Orchard St.                 | Jan. 21, 1868   | When called                     |
| Colonel Allen          | 45  | Gloucester   | 6                       | John Gilbert, M. D., 254 Locust St.            | Jan. 22, 1868   | 2d Saturday afternoon           |
| Richard Borden         | 46  | Fall River   | 9                       | Charles O. Kelly, 16 Court St., G. A. R. Hall  | Jan. 28, 1868   | Tuesday afternoon               |
| Major How              | 47  | Haverhill    | 6                       | Hiram Clark, 88 Pleasant St.                   | Jan. 28, 1868   | 1st Friday afternoon            |
| George L. Boutwell     | 48  | Ayer         | 3                       | Charles Peel, Main St., Salisbury              | Feb. 17, 1868   | 2d Friday afternoon             |
| A. W. Bartlett         | 49  | Newburyport  | 10                      | Charles F. Staples, 100 No. Main St.           | June 13, 1868   | 1st and 3d Saturday afternoons  |
| Chas. H. Stevens       | 53  | Leominster   | 5                       |  |                 |                                 |



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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|----|--|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Charles Beck          | 56  | Cambridge       | 1  | Francis J. O'Reilly, 9 Saville St.               | June 26, 1868 | 2d Saturday afternoon          |
| Reynolds              | 58  | E. Weymouth     | 6  | Thomas J. Evans, 12 Charles St.                  | July 2, 1868  | 1st Tuesday afternoon          |
| Franklin              | 60  | Franklin        | 1  | Albert J. Newell, Grove St.                      | May 16, 1881  | 1st Monday afternoon           |
| Nathaniel Lyon        | 61  | Wester          | 4  | Elas B. Wakefield, 7 Fifth Ave.                  | July 21, 1868 | 2d Thursday afternoon          |
| Charles Ward          | 62  | Newtonville     | 11 | Wm. M. Mick, 559 Parker St., Newton Centre       | July 21, 1868 | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Gen. Wadsworth        | 63  | Dorchester      | 4  | George B. Howe, Cohituate                        | July 23, 1868 | When called                    |
| Benj. Stone, Jr.      | 68  | Milbury         | 4  | Wallace Kenney, 9 Euclid St.                     | Oct. 8, 1868  | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| George A. Custer      | 70  | Worcester       | 3  | Henry W. Davidson, West Milbury Box 47           | Aug. 3, 1876  | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Klipatrick            | 71  | Holyoke         | 2  | Wm. L. Cram, 145 Allen St.                       | Nov. 25, 1868 | 4th Saturday afternoon         |
| A. St. John Chamber   | 72  | Stoughton       | 4  | Wm. H. Abbott, 545 Warren Ave., Brockton         | Nov. 30, 1868 | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons  |
| McPherson             | 73  | Brighton        | 7  | John F. Hatch, 199 Central St., Rockland         | Dec. 23, 1868 | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons  |
| Hartsuff              | 74  | Rockland        | 7  | Willard Gurney, Cherry St., Abington             | Jan. 11, 1869 | Monday afternoon               |
| J. P. Gould           | 75  | Stonham         | 4  | George E. Burgess, 15 Chestnut St.               | Jan. 15, 1869 | When called                    |
| Collingwood           | 76  | Plymouth        | 4  | George A. Burgess, 6 South St.                   | Jan. 19, 1869 | When called                    |
| Theron E. Hall        | 77  | Holden          | 2  | C. E. Farrar, Box 47                             | Jan. 19, 1869 | 1st Friday afternoon           |
| David A. Russell      | 78  | Whitman         | 2  | John Lane, 21 Myrtle Ave.                        | Jan. 30, 1869 | When called                    |
| Chas. D. Sanford      | 79  | North Adams     | 7  | John Mitchell                                    | Mar. 30, 1869 | 1st Friday afternoon           |
| Arthur G. Biscoe      | 80  | Westboro        | 1  | Harris C. Warren, 11 West St.                    | June 18, 1881 | When called                    |
| Isaac B. Patten       | 81  | Watertown       | 7  | Nelson Hill, Acting Commander                    | Dec. 20, 1870 | 2d Monday afternoon            |
| John Goodwin, Jr.     | 82  | Marblehead      | 7  | Samuel Snow, 84 Front St.                        | Mar. 29, 1869 | 1st Monday afternoon           |
| W. L. Baker           | 86  | Northampton     | 6  | Wm. R. Bardwell, 122 Pine St., Florence          | Aug. 4, 1882  | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Gen. S. Thayer        | 87  | S. Braintree    | 2  | Henry A. Monk, 842 Washington St.                | June 2, 1869  | Saturday afternoon             |
| Paul I. Revere        | 88  | Quincy          | 4  | Fred. H. Bishop, 182 Summit Ave., Wollaston      | June 4, 1869  | 2d and 4th Thursday afternoons |
| J. H. Chipman, Jr.    | 89  | Beverly         | 10 | Wm. F. Beckford, 26 Butman St.                   | June 8, 1869  | Thursday afternoon             |
| Ward                  | 90  | Danvers         | 3  | A. A. Rackliff, 12 Lawrence St.                  | June 8, 1869  | When called                    |
| Francis Washburn      | 92  | Brighton        | 5  | James A. Sawyer, Hotel Coolidge, Brookline       | Nov. 12, 1873 | 1st and 3d Monday afternoons   |
| Ozro Miller           | 93  | Shelburne Falls | 2  | William H. Smith                                 | June 15, 1869 | Wednesday afternoon            |
| Gen. E. Hincks        | 95  | Saugus          | 2  | Joseph Newhall, 74 Main St.                      | June 4, 1869  | 2d Tuesday afternoon           |
| Huntington F. Wolcott | 102 | Milton          | 2  | James Byrnes, 46 Capen St.                       | Apr. 3, 1879  | 2d Wednesday afternoon         |
| Capt. Horace Niles    | 110 | Randolph        | 3  | Hiram S. Faunce, 17 Liberty St.                  | Oct. 29, 1869 | When called                    |
| D. Willard Robinson   | 112 | Norwell         | 3  | Alfred B. Litchfield, Assinippi                  | Nov. 1, 1869  | 1st Tuesday afternoon          |
| Edward W. Kinsley     | 113 | Boston          | 3  | George W. States, 22 Beech St., Norwood          | Dec. 18, 1869 | When called                    |
| D. G. Farragut        | 116 | Gardner         | 5  | E. P. Brown, 72 Charles St., So. Gardner         | Dec. 30, 1869 | Last Saturday                  |
| Moses Ellis           | 117 | Medfield        | 2  | Julius A. Fitts                                  | Jan. 23, 1870 | When called                    |
| George G. Meade       | 119 | Lexington       | 2  | William B. Foster, 12 Plainfield St.             | May 23, 1873  | 1st Thursday afternoon         |
| James A. Garfield     | 120 | Lowell          | 2  | George A. Chase                                  | Oct. 26, 1881 | 2d and 4th Saturday afternoons |
| Timothy Ingraham      | 121 | Hyde Park       | 7  | Robert L. Frampton, 84 Providence St., Hyde Park | Mar. 22, 1870 | 2d Saturday afternoon          |
| E. P. Wallace         | 122 | Amesbury        | 3  | Samuel True, 454 Main St.                        | Mar. 23, 1870 | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| W. W. Rockwell        | 125 | Pittsfield      | 8  | Edwin H. Lincoln, Box 292                        | Mar. 10, 1882 | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Gen. J. Appleton      | 130 | Inspich         | 1  | Charles W. Bradstreet, Rowley                    | Jan. 17, 1882 | When called                    |
| James H. Sargent      | 132 | West Medway     | 6  | Elmer L. Videtto                                 | Mar. 18, 1882 | When called                    |
| Robert A. Bell        | 134 | Boston          | 6  | Edw. A. Dimus, 30 Windsor St., Roxbury           | June 29, 1877 | 1st Thursday afternoon         |
| Isaac Davis           | 138 | West Acton      | 4  | George L. Towne                                  | May 22, 1882  | When called                    |
| Willard C. Kinsley    | 139 | Somerville      | 7  | Dennis M. Dailey, 46 Bow St.                     | Aug. 18, 1870 | 2d and 4th Monday afternoons   |
| H. V. Smith           | 140 | Attol           | 4  | A. L. Jullison, 383 Main St.                     | Feb. 22, 1881 | When called                    |
| C. L. Chandler        | 143 | Brookline       | 2  | Prince A. Phinney, 1188 Boylston St.             | Jan. 24, 1871 | 1st Tuesday afternoon          |
| Chas. W. Carroll      | 144 | Dedham          | 1  | J. E. Bronson, Sanderson Ave., E. Dedham         | May 22, 1871  | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Wm. A. Streeter       | 145 | Attleboro       | 12 | John W. Bean                                     | June 6, 1871  | 2d Saturday afternoon          |
| Gen. Lawton           | 146 | Lawrence        | 6  | John A. Brackett, 48 Abbott St.                  | Apr. 6, 1904  | 2d Wednesday afternoon         |
| Gilman C. Parker      | 153 | Winchendon      | 1  | H. F. Partridge, 29 Maynard St.                  | Mar. 6, 1883  | When called                    |
| James A. Perkins      | 156 | Everett         | 4  | George A. Parsons, 844 Broadway, Everett         | June 14, 1883 | 2d and 4th Saturday afternoons |

ROSTER OF POSTS IN DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC — *Concluded.*

| NAME              | No. | Location         | Members<br>Dec. 31, '32 | Commander                                    | Date of Charter | Time of Meeting                |
|-------------------|-----|------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Alan Hamilton     | 160 | W. Brookfield    | 2                       | Edwin Wilbur                                 | Sept. 18, 1883  | 1st Monday afternoon           |
| F. A. Clary       | 164 | Conway           | 2                       | George A. Hassell                            | Apr. 29, 1884   | 3d Wednesday afternoon         |
| Wm. Wadsworth     | 165 | Duxbury          | 2                       | Albert M. Goulding, R. F. D., Box 509        | May 19, 1884    | When called                    |
| M. Amidown        | 168 | Southbridge      | 4                       | Festus Faulkner, 711 Main St.                | June 27, 1884   | 2d and 4th Saturday afternoons |
| John Rogers       | 170 | Mansfield        | 2                       | A. A. Briggs, Acting Commander W. Mansfield  | July 31, 1884   | 1st and 3d Saturday afternoons |
| J. Arthur Johnson | 173 | Sturbridge       | 3                       | Jeremiah Shepard                             | Aug. 26, 1884   | 1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons  |
| Edwin E. Day      | 174 | Greenfield       | 7                       | Richard O'Hara, Meridian St.                 | Aug. 29, 1884   | 1st Wednesday afternoon        |
| Samuel F. Woods   | 179 | Barre            | 4                       | George L. Chapman                            | Dec. 11, 1884   | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Ladd and Whitney  | 185 | Lowell           | 12                      | Albert I. Gilman, 20 East Pine St.           | Apr. 14, 1886   | 3d Wednesday afternoon         |
| David Church      | 189 | Marshfield Hills | 3                       | Isalah A. Ewell, Marshfield                  | Sept. 15, 1887  | When called                    |
| R. A. Pierce.     | 190 | New Bedford      | 9                       | Geo. N. Alden, 17 Arnold Pl.                 | May 28, 1887    | 2d and 4th Saturday afternoons |
| Gettysburg        | 191 | Boston           | 2                       | Wm. J. Hargraves, 23 Loretta St., W. Roxbury | May 11, 1888    | When called                    |
| P. M. Whiting     | 192 | No. Attleboro    | 2                       | B. Frank Bronson, Soldiers Home, Chelsea     | July 26, 1888   | 1st Saturday afternoon         |
| Veteran           | 194 | Reading          | 4                       | John Bacheller, No. Reading                  | Mar. 7, 1889    | When called                    |
| Thos. A. Parker   | 195 | E. Pepperell     | 2                       | Otis A. Merrill, R. F. D.                    | Mar. 20, 1889   | 1st and 3d Friday afternoons   |
| Boston            | 200 | Jamaica Plain    | 6                       | Geo. W. Green, 4 Lester Pl.                  | June 5, 1890    | When called                    |
| E. B. Nye         | 203 | Bourne           | 1                       | John J. Ryder, Buzzards Bay                  | Aug. 1, 1890    | When called                    |
| Thos. Gardner     | 207 | Nantucket        | 3                       | James H. Wood, York St.                      | Aug. 28, 1891   | When called                    |

Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1931, 754      Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1932, 566

## NATIONAL OFFICERS, 1932-1933

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, <i>Commander-in-Chief</i>             | Chicago, Ill.        |
| RUSSELL C. MARTIN, <i>Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i> | Los Angeles, Cal.    |
| CHARLES E. JONES, <i>Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>  | Tuscaloosa, Ala.     |
| DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, <i>Surgeon-General</i>              | Crawfordsville, Ind. |
| REV. J. KING GIBSON, <i>Chaplain-in-Chief</i>            | Dayton, Ohio         |

## STAFF OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| CALVIN A. BRAINARD, <i>Adjutant-General</i>             | Chicago, Ill.      |
| SAMUEL P. TOWN, <i>Quartermaster-General</i>            | Philadelphia, Pa.  |
| JAMES W. WILLETT, <i>Judge Advocate-General</i>         | Tama, Iowa         |
| EMMET F. TAGGART, <i>Inspector-General</i>              | Akron, Ohio        |
| HENRY B. DAVIDSON, <i>National Patriotic Instructor</i> | Springfield, Ill.  |
| ALBERT C. ESTABROOK, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>  | Allegan, Mich.     |
| THOMAS H. PEACOCK, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>                | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| W. H. CHESBOROUGH, <i>Senior Aide-de-Camp</i>           | Beloit, Wis.       |

## PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS

*Commanders-in-Chief*

CHARLES DEVENS, 1873-74. Post 10, Worcester. Died Jan. 7, 1891.  
 GEORGE S. MERRILL, 1881. Post 39, Lawrence. Died Feb. 17, 1900.  
 JOHN G. B. ADAMS, 1894. Post 5, Lynn. Died Oct. 19, 1900.  
 WILMON W. BLACKMAR, 1905. Post 113, Boston. Died July 6, 1905.  
 JOHN E. GILMAN, 1910. Post 26, Roxbury. Died Feb. 20, 1921.  
 EDWIN J. FOSTER, 1929. Post 10, Worcester.

*Senior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief*

RICHARD F. TOBIN, 1890. Post 2, South Boston. Died Nov. 22, 1890.  
 GEORGE H. INNIS, 1891. Post 2, South Boston. Elected to fill vacancy caused by decease of Comrade Richard F. Tobin. Died Jan. 19, 1907.  
 WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1902. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.  
 GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1921. Post 11, Boston. Died May 13, 1930.  
 WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1924. Post 62, Newton. Died Nov. 13, 1930.

*Junior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief*

HERBERT E. HILL, 1878. Post 139, Somerville. Died April 8, 1892.  
 E. B. STILLINGS, 1905. Post 113, Boston. Died Dec. 30, 1917.

*Chaplains-in-Chief*

ALONZO H. QUINT, 1868-69. Post 1, New Bedford. Died Nov. 4, 1896.  
 JOSEPH F. LOVERING, 1876-81. Post 81, Watertown. Died March 4, 1915.  
 MARK B. TAYLOR, 1896. Post 94, Canton. Died Dec. 3, 1919.  
 GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, 1912. Post 146, Lawrence. Died Dec. 25, 1916.  
 PHILIP A. NORDELL, D. D., 1918. Post 143, Brookline. Died March 10, 1930.

*Adjutants-General*

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1873. Post 113, Boston. Died Jan. 19, 1888.  
 HENRY R. SIBLEY, 1873. Post 11, Boston.  
 WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1881. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.  
 JAMES F. MEECH, 1894. Post 10, Worcester. Died April 30, 1895.  
 JOHN E. GILMAN, 1904. Post 26, Roxbury. Died Feb. 20, 1921.  
 E. B. STILLINGS, 1910. Post 113, Boston. Died Dec. 30, 1917.  
 WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1929. Post 62, Newton. Died Nov. 13, 1930.

*Quartermasters-General*

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1871-72. Post 113, Boston. Died Jan. 19, 1888.  
 A. B. R. SPRAGUE, 1873-74. Post 10, Worcester. Died May 17, 1910.



*Inspectors-General*

GEORGE S. EVANS, 1888. Post 30, Cambridge. Died April 7, 1903.  
GEORGE L. GOODALE, 1892. Post 66, Medford. Died Jan. 30, 1911.  
WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1895. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.  
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1901. Post 62, Newton. Died Nov. 13, 1930.  
J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1912. Post 2, South Boston. Died April 19, 1927.

*Judge-Advocates General*

WILLIAM COGSWELL, 1878-79. Post 34, Salem. Died May 22, 1895.  
ALBERT CLARK, 1896. Post 191, Boston. Died, 1911.  
JAMES H. WOLFF, 1900. Post 92, Brighton. Died May 3, 1913.

*Surgeons-General*

SAMUEL A. GREENE, 1871-72. Post 15, Boston. Died, 1918.  
JOHN W. FOYE, 1875. Post 15, Boston. Died, 1885.  
AZEL AMES, JR., 1882-83. Post 12, Wakefield. Died, 1908.  
WILLIAM H. BAKER, 1899-1900. Post 5, Lynn. Died Aug. 22, 1916.

*Patriotic Instructor*

JOHN B. LEWIS, 1909 and 1911. Post 113, Boston. Died Nov. 14, 1923.

*Chiefs-of-Staff*

SILAS A. BARTON, 1894. Post 29, Waltham. Died May 27, 1914.  
J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1911. Post 2, Boston. Died April 19, 1927.  
GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1915-1920-1922-1929. Post 11, Boston. Died May 13, 1930.

## ROSTER OF PAST DEPARTMENT AND PAST VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

|      | COMMANDERS                     | Post | S. V.-COMMANDERS      | Post | J. V.-COMMANDERS      | Post |
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| 1867 | *Austin S. Cushman             | 1    | *Arthur A. Goodell    | 10   | *B. A. Bridges        | 6    |
| 1868 | *A. B. R. Sprague              | 10   | *Geo. H. Pierson      | 34   | *M. W. Burt           | 3    |
| 1869 | *Francis A. Osborn             | 15   | *Josiah Pickett       | 10   | *H. C. Lee            | 16   |
| 1870 | *James L. Bates                | 58   | *H. M. Phillips       | 16   | *W. O. Fiske          | 42   |
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| 1879 | *John G. B. Adams              | 5    | *John A. Hawes        | 1    | *S. B. Spooner        | 16   |
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| 1890 | *Geo. H. Innis                 | 2    | *Arthur A. Smith      | 20   | *James K. Churchill   | 10   |
| 1891 | *Arthur A. Smith               | 20   | *James K. Churchill   | 10   | *Eli W. Hall          | 5    |
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